



# Prince of Peace Church

## Sample Template for Community Groups

### 1. Greeting & Introductions (5 minutes)

- a. Welcome: Begin by warmly welcoming everyone, especially new members. Introduce yourself and allow new members to introduce themselves.
- b. Opening Prayer: A brief prayer asking for God's blessing on your time together.

### 2. Sharing Life Together (15-25 minutes)

- a. Updates & Check-ins: Allow members to share significant life events from the past week—joys, challenges, or burdens. Keep this time encouraging and judgment-free.
- b. Community Care: Discuss how the group can support one another practically (e.g., meals for someone recovering from surgery, help with childcare, etc.).

### 3. Scripture Study & Sermon Discussion (30-40 minutes)

- a. Read the Passage: Read aloud the passage(s) from Sunday's sermon together (choose 1-2 translations to bring clarity).
- b. Guided Discussion: Use the sermon discussion questions to reflect deeply on the text.

### 4. Prayer Time (10-20 minutes)

- a. Share prayer requests (personal, familial, for the church/community, etc.). Write them down for follow-up during the week.
- b. If the group is large you may break into smaller pairs or triads for deeper, personal prayer.
- c. Close with a blessing, such as, "*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.*"

### Additional Best Practices for Healthy Groups

- Start and End on Time: Respect everyone's schedules.
- Confidentiality: Remind members that what's shared in the group stays in the group.
- Encourage Participation: Create a space where everyone feels heard and valued.
- Rotate Roles: Share responsibilities for hosting, leading discussion, or providing snacks.



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## 1st Sunday in Lent - Mar 9

### “The Transfiguration”

*Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to **hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest** them, that by patience and the  
comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting  
life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Scriptures for Reference** - Romans 10:4-13; Luke 4:1-13, Psalm 91:9-16

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. How does our culture typically explain the existence of evil? How does our culture typically define evil? Where do they say it comes from?
2. How does the Bible define evil in relation to God’s character? Why is it important to understand that evil is not eternal but a distortion of God’s goodness?
3. How does the biblical understanding of evil—Satan, our sinful nature, and the fallen world system—help us understand how complex and sophisticated the effects of sin truly are?
4. Looking at Jesus’ temptations in Luke 4, how does Satan attempt to exploit Jesus’ bodily needs, life goals, and identity? How do you see similar temptations in your own life?
5. How does Jesus respond to each temptation in Luke 4? How can we follow Jesus’ example in using Scripture to combat temptation? What are some practical ways to root ourselves in God’s Word?
6. Read Galatians 5:16-18. How does walking by the Spirit help us resist temptation? What does this look like in daily life?
7. How does Jesus’ victory in the wilderness foreshadow His ultimate victory on the cross? How does this encourage you to fight sin today?
8. What role do confession, accountability, and discipleship play in overcoming sin? How have you experienced growth through these practices? How can your small group support each other in walking by the Spirit and standing firm in Christ’s victory?