



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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Sunday - March 15

“Christ Will Shine on You”

*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 - Eph. 5:1-14; Ps. 23; John 9:1-13, 28-38

Questions for Discussion

1. Where do you most resonate with the man born blind? In what ways have you experienced “spiritual blindness,” either in the past or even now?
2. The early church described baptism as illumination—having our eyes opened. How does that expand or challenge the way you normally think about baptism or conversion?
3. The man had to obey Jesus’ command to go and wash before he could see. Can you think of a time when obedience came before understanding in your life? What happened?
4. The people around the man struggled to recognize him after he was healed. Have you ever experienced a change in your life with Christ that others didn’t understand—or even resisted?
5. Why do you think people sometimes resist or oppose the truth when it’s right in front of them? Where do you see that dynamic in today’s world?
6. Which of the Lenten practices mentioned—self-examination, slow Scripture reading, or radical honesty—do you most need right now? What would it look like to actually begin that this week?
7. “Radical honesty” is one way to expose darkness. Where are you most tempted to hide, exaggerate, or avoid the truth—and what would stepping into the light look like there?