



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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Ordinary Time - October 12

“God of Nations”

*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 - Ruth 1:1-19; Ps. 113; Luke 17:11-19

Questions for Discussion

- 1) Why is it significant that this story happens between Samaria and Galilee? What does that border setting communicate about Jesus’ ministry?
- 2) What might life have been like for the ten lepers—socially, physically, and spiritually?
- 3) Jesus’ question—“Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”—is asked with irony. What do you think He wanted His disciples to realize?
- 4) The sermon said, “Before Christ, we were all that Samaritan leper.” How does remembering that truth shape your humility and dependence on God?
- 5) How can practicing daily thanksgiving guard your heart against pride or entitlement?
- 6) The disciples struggled with prejudice toward Samaritans. Who do you instinctively label as "Samaritans" in your life? How is God leading you to see them as image-bearers?
- 7) Which of the three applications—humility, gratitude, or mercy toward outsiders—feels most needed in your life right now? Why?
- 8) How could our church community reflect God’s heart for the nations and for “outsiders” in practical ways?