



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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2nd Sunday of Christmas - January 4, 2026

“When Jesus Frustrates Us”

Scriptures for Reference Luke 2:41-52

Questions for Discussion

1. Jesus is fully God and fully human—not preprogrammed, but growing in awareness of who He is.
 - How does this shape the way we understand Jesus’ obedience, learning, and submission in this passage?
 - What does it tell us about how God works through ordinary growth, questioning, and discovery?
2. At age twelve, Jesus is expected to learn Joseph’s trade and contribute to family survival—yet He says He must be about His Father’s business.
 - What tension do you see between cultural expectations and divine calling in this story?
 - Where do you experience a similar tension between what is expected of you and what faithfulness to God might require?
3. “Why were you searching for me?”
Mary and Joseph assume Jesus has done something wrong.
 - In what ways is their frustration understandable as parents?
 - Where might their expectations of Jesus—rather than His actual calling—be driving their distress?
4. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple—the last place they expected to look.
 - Why do you think they least expected to find Him there?
 - Where are we most likely—and least likely—to look for Jesus in our own lives?
5. This event takes place during Passover, when lambs were examined in the Temple.
 - How does knowing this deepen the meaning of Jesus being found among the teachers, asking questions?
 - What does this moment foreshadow about who Jesus is and what He has come to do?
6. Jesus is obedient to His heavenly Father and submissive to Mary and Joseph.
 - How does this challenge the idea that obedience to God always looks like rejecting human authority?
 - What does this teach us about faithful submission and trust while we wait to fully understand God’s purposes?
7. The sermon ends with this tension: Jesus may not do what we want, but He has done what we need.
 - Where have you found yourself frustrated with Jesus—asking, “Why are you treating me like this?”
 - What might it look like to release your expectations and let Jesus be Lord rather than helper or consultant?