



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 - July 13

“The Parable of the Good Samaritan”

*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 Luke 10:25-37

Questions for Discussion

Begin with reading Luke 10:25-37 and familiarize yourself with the story.

When someone says, “I’m a good person,” what do you think they usually mean?

Verse 29 says the lawyer wanted “to justify himself.” What do you think this means? How do people try to do this today—both outside and inside the church?

Why do you think the priest and the Levite passed by the wounded man? What excuses might we make today that mirror theirs?

How would Jesus’ audience have reacted when he introduced the Samaritan as the hero of the story? Why was this so provocative?

How does the Samaritan's compassion reflect God's own compassion in Scripture? (You may want to read and reflect on Hosea 11:8 or Psalm 103:13.)

How does Jesus flip the lawyer’s question? (Compare v. 29 with v. 36.) Why is this significant?

What groups of people do you find it hardest to show mercy to? Why? What would showing mercy to them look like in practical terms?

Many people teach this story as a moral example—“Be like the Good Samaritan.” How does that miss the deeper point Jesus is making? How does Romans 5:8 help us understand who the true Good Samaritan is?

If Jesus is the Good Samaritan, how are we also called to be like the innkeeper? Who has God placed in your life to care for with the down payment of mercy he’s entrusted to you?