



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 - August 10

“Faith & Financial Security”

*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 12:(13-31) 32-40

Questions for Discussion

- 1) What stood out to you most from the sermon this week? How did the sermon challenge or encourage you personally?
- 2) Jesus tells His disciples not to be anxious about their life, yet many of us live with constant financial worry. In your experience, what are the most common “What if...?” fears you face about the future? How do these fears shape your daily decisions?
- 3) In the parable of the rich fool, security was found in hoarding and bigger barns. What are some “bigger barns” we build today—things we pursue to feel safe? Why does this kind of security often lead to more anxiety rather than peace?
- 4) Jesus says, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” If someone looked at your bank statements from the last year, what story would they tell about what you truly value?
- 5) Jesus promises, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” How does this truth challenge the way you think about financial planning, saving, and giving?
- 6) What is one way you could take a step of generosity this month that would actively confront your financial fears? How might this practice lead to greater freedom in Christ?
- 7) On the cross, Jesus lost all security so that we could gain eternal security in Him. How can remembering His sacrifice help you in moments when you feel financially vulnerable or uncertain about the future?