



# 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.



Prince of Peace Church  
Last Sunday Epiphany - February 15, 2026  
“The Transfiguration: The Real Jesus  
Revealed”

**Scriptures for Reference** Matthew 9:35-38

1. Seeing the Story Clearly

On the mountain, the disciples witness something beyond ordinary experience. What details in the passage most clearly reveal who Jesus is, and how do those details echo earlier encounters with God (like Moses on Sinai)?

2. Misreading Spiritual Experiences

Peter interprets the moment as something “pleasant” to preserve. How can powerful spiritual experiences actually be misunderstood or misapplied if they aren’t grounded in God’s bigger redemptive plan?

3. Facsimiles of Jesus

The sermon described cultural versions of Jesus as “facsimiles.” What makes a distorted Jesus feel believable or compelling, and how can we discern when we’ve subtly reshaped Jesus in our own image?

4. Encountering the Real Jesus

When the disciples fall in fear, Jesus touches them and says, “Do not be afraid.” What does this reveal about Jesus holding both overwhelming holiness and personal tenderness together? How does that challenge your assumptions about him?

5. From Glory to the Cross

Transfiguration Sunday marks the shift toward Jerusalem and the cross. Why is it important that the dazzling, divine Jesus is the same one who walks toward suffering and crucifixion? How does holding both together deepen the gospel?

6. Personal Response

If the Transfiguration answers the question “Who is Jesus?” how would you answer it today—not just theologically, but relationally?