



# 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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## Trinity Sunday - June 15

### “Trinity: Love and Communion”

*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

Revelation 4; Psalm 29; John 16:5-15

#### Questions for Discussion

- 1) How would you explain the Trinity to someone unfamiliar with Christian doctrine? What analogies have helped you grasp it? What are the limits of those analogies?
- 2) Read John 16:5–15. What do you notice about how Jesus describes the Father, the Son, and the Spirit? How are their roles distinct, and how do they work together?
- 3) The Church Fathers spoke of *perichoresis*--the divine dance of love among Father, Son, and Spirit. What does this idea teach us about God's nature? How does it differ from views of God as solitary, impersonal, or only powerful?
- 4) Revisit the following lines. How do these statement impact the way we think about why the world exists?
  - “God created everything *out of* his overflowing love *to share in* his overflowing love.”
  - “God’s divine love is the source of all things and the goal of all things.”
  - “God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life” (Catechism of the Catholic Church).
- 5) If we are made in the image of a loving, relational God, how does that shape our identity and calling? What might it look like to reflect the Trinity in our church, your marriage/family, work, politics, etc.?
- 6) What happens when Christians speak only truth without love—or only love without truth? How do you personally struggle with this balance? More importantly, what happens when Christians speak truth in love?!