



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 - October 19

“Prayer: Permission to Bother God?”

*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 18:1-8

Questions for Discussion

1. When God Seems Absent.
 - When in your life have you felt like the widow — powerless, unheard, or waiting for God to act? What do our reactions to helplessness reveal about where we place our hope?
2. The Invitation to Bother the Judge
 - Why do you think Jesus portrays prayer as “bothering” a judge? What does that imagery teach us about persistence and faith? The widow had no power but her persistence. What might that say about the posture God wants from His people in prayer?
3. The Trustworthiness of the Judge
 - Our culture says, “Goodness must show itself immediately — otherwise it isn’t real.” How does that belief affect our expectations of God?
 - Jesus shows us that the Judge became the condemned — that God Himself entered into injustice and suffering.
 - How does that truth reshape your ability to trust Him in seasons of silence or delay?
 - What difference does it make that our Judge has scars?
4. Why the Judge Waits
 - According to 2 Peter 3:9, why does God delay in bringing judgment or fulfilling promises? How is God’s delay an expression of mercy toward the world — and toward you personally?
5. The Work God Does in Us During the Delay
 - When has a “delay” in your own life produced something in your character that instant answers never could?
 - What if God’s greatest work in your waiting isn’t what you’re waiting for, but what He’s forming in you?
 - How might persistent prayer keep your heart soft rather than cynical in seasons of delay?