



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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Sunday - Nov. 30

“Faithful Focus in a Frantic World”

*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 - Matthew 24: (1-28) 29-44 (45-51)

Questions for Discussion

- 1) How does the way you live on an ordinary Tuesday reveal what you actually believe about Jesus’ return—not what you say you believe, but what your habits reveal?
(Does your life look more like readiness or like delay?)
- 2) Jesus describes a world filled with both anxiety (wars, false messiahs) and hope (the gospel to all nations). Which of those voices—fear or hope—shapes your imagination the most, and why?
- 3) Jesus says the point of His teaching is comfort, not fear. Where have you absorbed fear-based or sensationalized versions of Christian eschatology? How might the fig tree parable reorient you toward hope?
- 4) In Jesus’ parable of the servants (Matthew 24:45-51), which heart posture do you resonate with more right now—the distracted, numbed-out servant or the faithful, love-motivated one? What practices keep your heart awake to God?
- 5) Jesus stayed awake—paying attention to the time and keeping His heart aligned with the Father—even when everything around Him pressed toward distraction or escape. What would it look like for you to imitate His attentiveness in one small, concrete way this week?
- 6) If Jesus returned tonight, what one thing would you regret leaving undone or unsaid—and what does that reveal about where your discipleship needs healing, honesty, or courage?
(How could Advent become a season of realignment rather than sentimentality?)