



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 - July 6

“Follow Jesus to Lead”

*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 10:1-20

Questions for Discussion

Begin with reading Luke 10:1-20 and familiarize yourself with the story.

In verse 17, the disciples return with joy over their spiritual power. How does Jesus respond to their excitement (vv.18–20)?

Jesus says He saw “Satan fall like lightning from heaven” (v.18). How does this statement connect to Old Testament themes of pride and downfall (e.g., Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28)? What warning is Jesus giving to His disciples—and to us?

What emotions do you feel when your work, ministry, parenting, or other efforts don’t seem fruitful? What does that reaction reveal about where you’re looking for affirmation and joy?

Have you ever succeeded in a role and felt tempted to think, “I’ve got this—I’m doing great”? How can success become just as spiritually dangerous as failure, if not rooted in Christ?

Jesus found His identity not in His earthly role but in His relationship with the Father. What practices help you stay grounded in your identity in Christ?

How can your group encourage one another to rejoice more in being known by Jesus than being known by others?