



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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7th Sunday After the Epiphany - Feb 23

“World Mission Sunday”

Scriptures for Reference - Isaiah 61:1-4; Psalm 96; John 20:19-31

Questions for Discussion

1. Read Isaiah 61:1-4. What specific issues does Isaiah identify as plaguing the world? How do these problems manifest in our modern society?
2. Discuss the concept of sin as separation from God and the brokenness of creation. How does this perspective differ from secular views on the root problems of the world?
3. In what ways does the secular worldview fall short in addressing the fundamental issues facing humanity? Consider aspects like moral foundation, human nature, and purpose.
4. Read Luke 4:16-21. How does Jesus' proclamation of fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy relate to Jesus' work as the Messiah, the one who brings the fullness of the year of the Lord's favor?
5. Consider Jesus' command in John 20:21: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." What does this mean for our role in God's mission?
6. Discuss practical ways we can share our faith within our circle of relationships. How can we effectively represent Christ in this area? What is your attitude towards your own testimony of how you came into faith in Jesus? How could you share that with someone this week?
7. How can we strategically focus on reaching the next generation for Christ? Discuss the importance of children's and youth ministries in this church. How can each of us personally help in these ministries?
8. What are some ways our church or community can engage in local and global missions? Consider initiatives like community service, evangelism, and supporting long-term missionaries.