

P.E.A.C.E. Groups

Prayer—Evangelism—Apprenticing—Christ-study—Encouragement

P.E.A.C.E. Groups Mission Statement:

"The mission of Prince of Peace's Adult Ministries is
To REACH adults with the Good News of Jesus Christ,
To GROW them as His disciples, and to equip them
To SERVE God and one another."

P.E.A.C.E. Groups Vision:

"To be an ever-expanding network of leaders, who create an ever-expanding number of small groups, where people are transformed by Jesus, and together transform the world around them."

P.E.A.C.E. *Groups*

Revisited



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Length of this covenant: _____

1. Frequency of meetings: _____
2. Weekday and time of meeting: _____
3. We will begin at (time) _____ and end no later than _____
4. We will meet at: _____
5. Target date for birthing the group: _____
6. Attendance: We will make this group a priority in our schedules and schedule other things around it. We will make every effort to attend every meeting.
7. Confidentiality: Nothing of a personal nature that is shared in this group will be shared with anyone outside this group. What is said here—stays here.
8. Participation: We will be real and honest in our sharing with each other. We will not pretend to be something we are not. We will not force anyone to share anything they would prefer to keep private. We will love, support, and encourage each other unconditionally no matter what is shared as God has done the same for us.
9. Strategy for filling the empty chair: _____
10. Other expectations: _____
11. Responsibilities for
 - Hosting: _____
 - Food: _____
 - Babysitting: _____
12. Other: _____

Close with Prayer

- The Leader will take prayer requests.
- Follow the circle prayer formula: “Dear God, I want to thank you for _____. Amen.”
- Your leader will close by praying the special prayer requests.

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P.E.A.C.E. Groups is the small group ministry of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Palatine, Illinois.

Our model is the example of the early church, as recorded in Acts 2:42-47,

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved”.

What an exciting church that must have been to be a part of!

To us, five things really stand out:

- **Prayer**—It wasn't just something they did in passing. They were devoted to it. They believed in the power of prayer!
- **Evangelism**—They understood that the Gospel was such good news, it just had to be shared.
- **Apprenticing**—As the number being saved was daily growing, the need for identifying and raising up more leaders grew as well.
- **Christ-study**—Their goal wasn't to become Bible experts. They understood that the Scriptures were a tool for the real goal of growing in Christ-likeness.
- **Encouragement**—They had “glad and sincere hearts” as they cheered each other on in the walk with Christ through life.

We pray that you will make these five things be the pillars of your new group. God bless you as you do!

P.E.A.C.E. Groups Revisited is an opening study for new P.E.A.C.E. groups which have a majority of members who have gone through the 6 week *Introduction to P.E.A.C.E. Groups* Study from participation in previous groups. This is a turbo, one-session version of that study. It will serve as a reminder for some and new insight for others.

This one-session study may also be used by veteran groups which desire to go back to basics and revisit what P.E.A.C.E. Groups are all about.

PRAYER

- Led by the leader

Pre-Study:

- *Highs and Lows*. This is a common ice-breaker activity. Take turns sharing **one** high point of your week and **one** low point of your week.

READ Luke 11:1-4

- *Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us*. (Richard Foster). What is the purpose of prayer? How does prayer transform us?

EVANGELISM

- The “empty chair”—which two people are we reminded of?

APPRENTICING

READ Mark 1:14-20 and 6:7-13

- Jesus was God. He could get anything he wanted accomplished. Why do you believe he chose others to partner with him in his work?
- Why do you think so many people try to do things on their own? What message does the world outside the Kingdom of God send us?

To note: *Apprentice development uses the principle of multiplication. For example, an effective evangelist who reaches 1,000 people a day for Christ will win the world to Christ in 13,515 years. But a very effective discipler who teaches or trains two people a year to reach others for Christ has the potential to spread the message to the world in 33 years. As we continue to multiply ourselves, we multiply our ministry as well.* –Bill Donahue
If there are group members interested in being an apprentice, express your interest to your leader after the meeting. *If not, be assured, one of you will be approached eventually.* 😊

CHRIST-STUDY

- Why do you believe P.E.A.C.E. Groups prefer the term “Christ-study” to “Bible study?”
- What do you admire about Jesus? In what way would you like to be more like him?

ENCOURAGEMENT

READ 1 Kings 19:1-18

- What do you think God is trying to teach you about encouraging others through this story?

Working on our Group Covenant

- Leader: _____
- Apprentice Leader: _____
- Goals of our group:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____