

# Meeting Format First Half

## Opening Songs:

## Prayer

## Introductions

Welcome to "Partners In Hope." My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm the facilitator for tonight's meeting. Let's have a moment of silence to remember why we are here and to pray for those who continue to suffer.

(Hand out sheet to someone in the group to read or pray their own prayer)

God, We ask you to bless this meeting and the members gathered here tonight. You have said that where two or three of us gather together, that you would meet with us. We welcome you now. We have come to be with you. We have come to learn. We give ourselves to you to receive instruction in how to live responsibly as your people. We ask you to guide us. Help us to come closer to you and grant us new ways to live in gratitude for the gift of your love and forgiveness. In Jesus name. Amen

Introductions: Let's go around the circle and introduce ourselves by our first names.

Welcome: I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read our welcome

(Hand out sheet to someone in the group)

We are a Christian 12-Step Recovery Group. We practice the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, while welcoming individuals seeking healing and recovery from a variety of destructive and addictive lifestyles. The only requirement for membership is a desire to love and be loved regardless of one's current condition in life. We choose to affirm God, the Creator as our higher power. We believe He has revealed Himself to us through His Son Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." and "You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free."

We share through stories, discussion, singing, and prayer, the experience, strength and hope we have found in relationship with God and with each other. We seek to gain strength from one another in order to carry this message of hope to others who suffer. We gratefully acknowledge God's presence and pray for his guidance and direction in all we do and say.

Acknowledgement of Addictions: We come for many reasons and from a variety of backgrounds. Please take a moment to look at the "List of Addictions or Dependencies" on the screen or at the bottom of the plastic sheet. Ask God to remind you where you are broken and in need of His healing. Ask God to help you to be open to His guidance and healing.

Why We Come: I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read "Why We Come." Let's join our experiences together with God's purposes for our healing and our lives.

(Hand out sheet to someone in the group to read)

1. We are a group of individuals who believe our lives are unmanageable without the loving care and guidance of God. We believe we need a healthy and growing relationship with God, with ourselves, and with one another.
2. We want to discover God's will for our daily lives and to learn practical ways to live out our faith in God.
3. We seek to connect our personal growth programs with God's word and the life of Jesus Christ, God's Son.
4. We believe God wants to speak to us personally through the Bible, and through God's Spirit, present in our lives.
5. We gather to learn how to communicate with God, our gratitude, our needs, our plans, and our frustrations and to learn how to receive God's healing and guidance.
6. We believe the sharing of our life journey with God and with each other is beneficial and healing for all of us.
7. We welcome all those who seek to learn and journey with us. We encourage further spiritual growth through participation in a church fellowship.

## Announcements:

### Food

### Bathrooms

We seek to share as a family. Thank you to those who've set up for the meeting. We encourage others to help with straightening up at the end of the meeting. Contributions towards the cost of materials and refreshments are encouraged. There are no dues or charges.

## Read Discussion Sheet

### Sharing

Break by 8:10 - 8:15 pm

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## Second Half

### Gathering Song

### Sharing

Prayer -- What has God said to us tonight. How do we need God's help? What commitment to growth and change will we make with God tonight. Let's have \_\_\_\_\_ pray for us as we seek to live with God in a deeper and fuller way.

**By 8:50** -- 12 Steps and Bible Principles - You'll find these on the back of the "Why We Come" plastic sheets.

### Closing Reminders:

Thank you for sharing your experience, strength and hope with us tonight. Just a reminder. What you hear here, stays here. We invite you to get in touch with someone this week for encouragement, to pray with each other, to support one another in a new and healthy way of living. If you wish further prayer there are many folks here who would love to pray with you after the meeting. Check with the facilitator if you don't know who to ask.

Life Affirmations and Serenity Prayer: Let's stand and say the "Life Affirmations" and the "Serenity Prayer" together.