

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP BOOK STUDY MEETING

Welcome to the Beginners Workshop Book Study meeting for newcomers to AA who may be interested in the solution to the drink problem discovered by our founders and pioneers many decades ago. We hope you will be attracted to the manner of living offered by AA and now enjoyed by millions of recovered men and women around the world.

Tonight, we will have a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is defined in our textbook as “a little gathering of men and women, happy in their release, and constantly thinking how they might present their discovery to some newcomer”. That is what we do here – nothing more, nothing less. More specifically, at this meeting we will concentrate on some basic information about our illness and the spiritual solution offered by Alcoholics Anonymous.

As this meeting is designed mainly for indoctrination, we strongly urge you to follow up with our Zoom meetings where we progressively cycle through the entire first portion of the textbook. See one of us after the meeting for login details.

A few ground rules:

- 1) We will focus on the AA program of recovery described in the first portion of the textbook, Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 2) We are interested in hearing from the newcomers in the room so long as your input stays on topic. We have no interest in, for example, opinions or whining as these things are in no way productive.
- 3) Please shut off all electronic devices including phones, tablets, vapes and the like.
- 4) A number of us will be available after the meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding the material presented here tonight.

Let's open the meeting with a moment of silence to connect with God as we understand Him. This will be followed by the third step prayer as found on page 63 of the textbook.

Pass the basket.

Introduce discussion leader

(Leader) Introduce all meeting attendees – those with less than six months in fellowship to please indicate.

Close with the 7th step prayer as found on page 76 on the textbook.

Q&A to Follow