


# Big Book Study (closed meeting)

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Time	Action
0:00	Introduce yourself.
	Read <b>Closed Meeting</b> Statement: "This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. In support of AA's singleness of purpose, attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this meeting. We ask that when discussing our problems, we confine ourselves to those problems as they relate to alcoholism."
	Read announcements (located in the front of the meeting binder.)
	Request that the group silence all electronic devices
	Begin the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
	Read the AA Preamble: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."
	Recognize: 1) Anyone attending their first-ever A.A. meeting.* 2) Anyone in their first 30-days of sobriety. 3) Anyone visiting from out-of-town or another AA group. *(Newcomer packets are available for first-time A.A. meeting attendees and are available in the office. Please give these to 1st time attendees only.)
	Have one member read "How it Works" and another read "The Twelve Traditions".
0:10	Introduce the book study format ("This is a book study meeting. We ask that a member read a paragraph or two and then comment based on your experience. Please limit your sharing to four minutes or less to allow time for everyone to share.")
	Open the meeting for general discussion on the meeting topic
	Pass the basket ("In accordance with the 7th Tradition, this meeting is self-supporting through our own contributions." <b>Wicker baskets are for AA, colored boxes are for babysitting</b> )
	Announce: "Birthday Night is the last Friday of each month. To receive a chip, please sign the sheet on the group bulletin board no later than the Tuesday of birthday week."
	Give out chips (18 months, 9 months, 6 months, 90, 60, and 30 days). Ask if anyone would like a desire chip.
	<b>Announce: Please raise your hand if you have an AA Sponsor, have worked the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and are willing to sponsor.</b>
	Close with prayer. (format revised Dec. 2014 per group conscience)

