

1ST WEDNESDAY BIG BOOK STUDY (Tradition Day)

(When handing out readings before the meeting, please confirm that your readers identify as Alcoholic. Only Alcoholics participate in A.A. meetings.)

12:00 Good Afternoon, my name is _____ and I am an alcoholic. Welcome to the Three Legacies Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. We meet Monday through Wednesday in this room at noon. Monday is an Open Beginner meeting, Tuesday is an Open Speaker Discussion meeting, and Wednesday is a Closed Big Book Study. Today is our only closed meeting. *"Non-alcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed A.A. meetings"*. If you are here seeking help for a problem other than alcohol please speak to one of our Home Group members so that we can help direct you to a fellowship that focuses more specifically on your addiction. Home Group members please raise your hands.

Please silence cell phones at this time. Don't park in the school parking lot and if you are parking in the neighborhood around the church, be aware of the posted signs for Neighborhood Parking only. Parking is permitted at the Church. Please dump out all liquids from cups in the sink before throwing them in the garbage. I'm passing a clipboard around with upcoming announcements, events and flyers. Please feel free to look through and take a picture of any fliers you are interested in.

If we have any new people with us today for your first, second, or third A.A. Meeting ever, who think you may have a problem with alcohol please feel free to raise your hand and introduce yourself. ***(Welcome the newcomer and let them know that a Newcomer Rep will get them a packet)*** If there are any A.A. members here today for your first time visiting the Three Legacies Group please tell us your name and the name of your home group so that we can welcome you. Are there any sobriety anniversaries or milestones that we can acknowledge today?

To detail the Solution we have found, would _____ please read the **12 Steps** of A.A.'s program of recovery from page 59 beginning with *"Here are the steps we took"* ending with Step 12.

We will now pass the basket to observe the 7th Tradition. If you are new to A.A., or just visiting our group, you are our guest and there is no need to contribute. The 7th Tradition states clearly that: ***"The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members."*** The money we contribute is used for rent, coffee, supplies, literature, and to carry the message to alcoholics outside of our group through the General Service structure.

The format today is a Big Book Study. We invite you to bring your Big Book and a

highlighter. We ask all who participate to identify as alcoholic, have at least 24 hours of sobriety, and confine your participation to the part of the book being studied. With respect to Traditions 6 & 8 we ask anyone who is in attendance today as part of your employment with the Treatment industry to please refrain from participating today if you are here with a client. This is not a discussion meeting. We will all have an opportunity to comment or ask questions after each portion is read. If you have a brief comment or question, **please raise your hand and I will call on you**. Some A.A. meetings ask that you refrain from Crosstalk. However, this is a book study, and we encourage questions and comments. Our dictionary person today is _____. If we come across a word that seems confusing or difficult to understand please speak up and ask for the definition. On the first Wednesday of each month we read and study the Tradition of the month from Appendix 1 in the back of the book on the A.A. Tradition in both the Short and Long form. Feel free to also read any other reference to the Tradition for emphasis and clarity so long as it is from the Big Book or other A.A. Literature. If we finish with the Tradition and have time left we may start into the Concept of the month from Appendix VII. **Raise your hand** if you would like to start us off.

12:55 That's all the time we have today. I would like to thank all who were in service to the meeting today. Our group believes strongly in the meeting-before-the-meeting and the meeting-after-the-meeting. We open the meeting room at 11:30 and will stay open as long as two or more are here. Please join us for fellowship. We have A.A. literature for sale including the Study Edition Large print we use in the meetings for sale at cost for only \$9. See one of our trusted servants to purchase what you need. Would trusted servants please raise your hands? If you don't currently have a sponsor, you are welcome to stay after this meeting and talk with some of our members. A sponsor is someone who has recovered through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous outlined in the Big Book, and is willing to take someone else through the same work. Members usually attend a variety of different meetings, but have one Home Group. The "*Home Group*" is where A.A. Members accept service responsibilities. If you don't already have a Home Group and you would like to join ours, you are welcome to attend the business meeting on the first Tuesday of next month directly following the meeting. We would love to have you. Please join us Monday for our Beginner Meeting in this same room at this same time. If you would like to learn more about this group, our meeting formats or our bylaws, visit the website at **ThreeLegaciesGroup.org**.. Also feel free to check out the speaker archives by clicking on the "**Listen to past speakers page**". Do Three Legacies Group Trusted servants have any announcements?

To close out this meeting today, I've asked _____ to read the **10th Step Promises** found on pages 84 & 85 of the Big Book.