

# SPEAKER ON THE STEPS MEETING FORMAT

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“Hi my name is .....and I’m an alcoholic. Welcome to The Original Way Group. This is the fifth Wednesday of the month. Tonight will have an open speaker meeting. The speakers will share on their experience with the 12 steps. We end at 7:05 pm.”

“Out of gratitude to Calvary Baptist Church please help us follow a few simple requests they have made. 1.) Smoke only by the upper urn and not on the lower brick area. 2.) Help us leave the room clean. 3.) Please, do not go up the stairs by the bathrooms.”

“Could we now have the reading of the Prayer of St. Francis, Group Preamble and The Twelve Steps in that order?”

“We focus on one step a month. Week one and two are Selected Readings from the Big Book with sharing. These Big Book Selected Readings are offered in printable format on our website. Week three is Snippets, where we all bring in a snippet on the step that is meaningful to us. Week four is a Step Work Rotation with emphasis on step work and sponsorship. In this meeting the steps are grouped together in 4 sets that rotate.”

“This monthly format gives us an opportunity to look deeply into one of the 12 steps every month. At the same time it also gives a chance for a sponsor and sponsee to practice all 12 steps 3 times in a year *if they want to.*”

(WEEK 5 :) “Tonight it is my pleasure to introduce our two speakers. They have been asked to share their experience, strength and hope on the 12 Steps.”

*(Introduce first speaker)*

*(Introduce second speaker)*

**The Closing is on the Reverse Side...**

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## **The Closing**

*(Begin at 6:55pm)*

*(Closing Meditation)*

“Could someone please read the Closing Meditation?” *(Please, avoid passing the basket during the Closing Meditation and The Reading on Sponsorship since it is distracting.)*

*(Sponsorship)*

“The Founders of AA discovered that Working With Others is one of the most powerful tools in our spiritual toolkit. For this reason our group conscience would like to emphasize the importance of sponsorship. Each week we pick one reading that pertains to sponsorship. Could we now have The Reading on Sponsorship? *(pause here for reading...)*“**If anyone** is new or coming back or would like a sponsor to go through the steps with please stick around after the meeting so we can get to know each other. Come early, leave late. Fellowship is a vital part of AA!”

*(Pass Basket Now)*

“In accordance with our 7th Tradition; there are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions.”

*(Membership & Service)*

“A home group is a vital part of AA. If you would like to join **The Original Way Group** please see me after the meeting so I can put your name in our Group Sign Up Sheet. We have a variety of Service positions for those who would like to help. Business Meetings are at 5:15pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of every month.”

*(Anniversaries)*

“I have asked \_\_\_\_\_ to pass out the Chips.”

*(Clean Up)*

“If you can, please, help us to clean up the tables, chairs, coffee, trash and floors.”

*(Website)*

Check out **AaTheOriginalWay.Com**. Here you can print the Big Book Selected Readings we use in week 1 and 2. We also offer a 12 Step Guide. This resembles the original way that the founders used to take newcomers through the steps. The methods outlined are suggestive only.

*(Closing Prayer)*

“We will now close with **We** version of the Serenity Prayer... **God...**”