

Thursday Evening Big Book Study Telemeeting

Welcome to the 4:30 pm PST Big Book Study Telemeeting. Now let's take a period of silence to meditate and invite God to our meeting. We'll follow that with the Set Aside Prayer.

The Set Aside Prayer

God, Please help me set aside everything I *think* I know
about myself, my disease, the 12 steps, and especially You;
So I may have an open mind and a new experience with all these things.
Please let me see the truth.

In order to help keep the lines clear, please mute your phone by pressing *6.

To paraphrase the foreword of the First Edition of the Big Book: (ask for a volunteer:)
WE OF Sex Addicts Anonymous are more than one hundred men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. To show other sex addicts precisely how we have recovered is the main purpose of this book. For them we hope these pages will prove so convincing that no further authentication will be necessary. We think this account of our experiences will help everyone better understand the sex addict. Many do not comprehend that the sex addict is a very sick person. And besides, we are sure that our way of living has its advantages for all.

Hello, everyone. My name is _____ and I am a (recovered) sex addict. Our Group Conscience has elected to use the Big Book of A.A. as its basic text. Time and experience have proven it to be the most successful approach to the Steps no matter what the addictive problem may be. More importantly, it is what worked for us. The purpose of this meeting is to learn from the Big Book how to improve how we each work the 12 Steps by extracting the precise instructions it contains.

If you have other ideas or personal experiences, we would love to discuss this with you after the meeting. The study leader is responsible for keeping the meeting focused on the Big Book passages and will interrupt for that purpose. If you find yourself saying "I" or "me", you may be getting off track.

If you have worked the Steps for sex addiction with a sponsor by the specific instructions in the Big Book and had the promised spiritual awakening, we would like to hear your insight into these directions. If you are new to S.A.A., to this meeting or to this approach to the Steps, you are welcome here. We hope that you will hear something that will be helpful to you. There will be fellowship after the meeting. If you are new, coming back, or have questions, please stick around, we really would like to get to know you better. Members from this group who are willing to sponsor will announce their names and phone numbers.

(For the Speaker Meeting, see appendix A)

If you don't have a Big Book and would like to follow along, go to aa.org/bigbookonline or SAAPP.org under Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and select the chapter or page number of today's reading.

_____ will be our study leader tonight. He/She will be using the Big Book Study Guide prepared by the Dallas' AA Primary Purpose Group and adapted to sex addiction by the Dallas' SAA Primary Purpose Group. In this guide there questions for almost every sentence in the Big Book. _____ will read a question and call upon a member to read the next sentence out of the Big Book which is designed to be the answer. Don't be embarrassed if you get lost or don't understand the format. Just say "pass" and we'll call on you the next time around. (now turn it over to the study leader)

My name is _____, and I am a sex addict. I'll be your study leader this evening. Before we begin our study we are going to review a Tradition. This weeks Tradition is ____ and I've asked _____ to read the long form of the Tradition followed by the short form and to offer some comments.

We will begin our study on page _____. That will be in Chapter _____. (When opening each paragraph for comments, say,

"Let's open that paragraph up for comment on the precise instructions it contains.")

Closing:

Our 7th Tradition states that every group ought to be fully self supporting declining outside contributions. This is important. If you wish to contribute even a dollar, you can make a contribution to our PayPal account, on SAAPP.ca using the 7th Tradition tab, or anyone or anywhere you can.

We would like to celebrate any milestones of recovery people are celebrating today. Would anybody like to encourage us with the blessings they have received? The most important symbol of our willingness is a desire chip, which signifies our desire to let God stop our addictive sexual behaviors for good and for all, one day at a time. Would anyone like to begin, or recommit to their journey tonight?

Our group conscience believes that the place to check-in or get current is with your sponsor. The Primary Purpose program requires a sponsor for daily inventory. If you need a sponsor, we can help. Will those members of Thursday Group who have taken these steps by the directions in the Big Book and had a spiritual awakening, please announce your names and phone numbers so that those looking for help will know to whom they can entrust their lives?

Are there any S.A.A. related announcements? (Last Thursday of the month ask for reading servants for the next month)

Are there any prayer requests? Let's have a moment of silence for these and the addict who still suffers followed by the Lord's Prayer or a prayer of your own choosing said in silence.

Fellowship

Now it's time for fellowship. I would like to remind everyone that this is an open call. We have no way of knowing who all is on the line. Please bear that in mind when you give out personal information.