

## **Doing an AA Group Inventory**

*Suggestions for the G.S.R.*

### **What is an AA Group Inventory?**

- Taking stock of our meeting/group
- How well are we fulfilling our Primary Purpose?

*Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.*

- Tradition Five

### **First Things First**

- Read*
- The AA Group Pamphlet (Inventory outlined pg. 29)
  - Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine & Concepts Checklist

*Find out*

- Has my group ever done an inventory? If yes, when was the last one?
- Is there a group conscience for how frequently we have inventories?
- What was the format of the last inventory?

### **Plan**

1. Make announcements to inform members a group inventory is being planned
2. Ask for an ‘outside’ facilitator (note taker, time keeper)
3. Choosing inventory questions
4. Decide on a format for the inventory meeting
5. Determine when and how long the inventory meeting will be held
6. Schedule the inventory at a time outside the regular meeting hour
7. Know what your group members will need to know ahead of time – or just show up?

### **What to bring**

- Hand outs with the Qs so members can read along (The A.A. Group pamphlets, checklists, etc.)
- The A.A. Service Manual/ Twelve Concepts for World Service

### **Doing the Inventory**

- Usually the facilitator will have ‘a way’ they lead the meeting – discuss ahead of time
- Set a spiritual, safe and inclusive tone – consider reading something from the literature
- Define the basic idea of a group inventory for members who are unfamiliar
- Describe how a sharing session works – how is it the same and/or different from regular shares (e.g., round robin, timer, option to pass, value of participation, etc)
- Remind folks this is not the time where motions are made,
- Consider saving the last ~10 minutes for a ‘what’s on your mind?’ or a Q of the group’s choice

### **It’s done. Now what?**

- The notetaker will provide you with the notes from the inventory
- Often, discussion continues at group’s business meeting
- Motions may be made as a result of the conversations... or not...

\*\*\*\*\* Please keep in mind these are *suggestions* \*\*\*\*\*

You know your group best. Please take from this what works and leave the rest! Thank you!