

# Group Inventory

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Many groups periodically take a “group inventory” using one meeting annually for an honest and fearless discussion of the group's weaknesses — and strengths.

Many groups have written GSO that a group inventory perked up their AA activity and made sobriety more exciting and enjoyable — besides getting the message to more alcoholics.

## Meeting Norms

- No decisions will be made; this is not a group conscience meeting.
- A consensus is possible, but not necessary.
- The group agrees to keep the facilitator in his or her role.
- Check your titles at the door.
- All members agree to work together to complete the inventory.
- Members do not interrupt when someone is speaking.
- Members agree to raise their hands to be recognized.
- There is no such thing as a bad opinion.
- Members agree to treat one another with dignity and respect. Principles before personalities.
- Members agree to keep AA's primary purpose uppermost in mind at all times.
- Have fun.

## Inventory Questions

Inventory questions from the pamphlet, “The AA Group... Where it all begins”, Copyright © AA World Services, 1965; 1990, Completely Revised 1990, Reflecting Actions of 1995 General Service Conference

1. What is the basic purpose of our group?
2. What more can our group do to carry the message?
3. Is our group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community, including those with special needs?
4. Do new members stick with us, or does the turn-over seem excessive? If so, why? What can we, as a group, do to retain members?
5. Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do it better?
6. Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other AAs outside the meeting rooms? Do we also leave what they share at meetings behind?
7. Does our group emphasize to all members the value of keeping up with the kitchen, set-up, clean-up and other housekeeping chores that are essential for our Twelfth Step efforts?
8. Are all members given the opportunity to speak at meetings and to participate in other group activities?
9. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care?
10. Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive and accessible meeting place?
11. Does our group do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of AA—as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service?
12. What has our group done lately to bring the AA message to the attention of professionals in the community—the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators, and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help?
13. How is our group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition?