

## OVERCOMERS LEADER FORMAT

*Before the Meeting: Pick people to read the Preamble, How it Works, and the Promises. Assign someone to present chips & Welcome Kits. Be sure chips needed are available.*

Leader says: Welcome everyone to the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of Overcomers.  
**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm an Overcomer.** (*This is taking the floor*)

- ★ Please silence your cell phones
- ★ Please join me in a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.  
God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change  
Courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference
- ★ I've asked a friend to Read the Preamble
- ★ I've asked a friend to Read How it Works (the 12 Steps)
- ★ I've asked a friend to Read the Promises
- ★ I've asked a friend to Give out Chips (leader writes newcomer's name on kit and passes around the circle with a pen)

*take the floor: Intro to Sharing*

Overcomers is different from other 12-Step meetings because there are as many reasons for being here as there are people here. We also differ from other fellowships in that we identify our Higher Power directly as Jesus Christ.

However, while our struggles are all different, we do share the common solution of other 12-Step fellowships that is found in our Steps. In order to stay focused on our common solution, we ask while sharing that you follow a couple of guidelines:

- ~ Please avoid cross talk. Cross talk is defined as responding directly to another person's share by giving advice or specific personal experience. While it is our goal to share our experience, strength, and hope, we ask that if you have something specific to say to another person to wait until after the meeting.
- ~ Because our struggles are different, we ask that while sharing that you not focus on the problem but share on the common solution we have found.
- ~ Please limit your sharing to 3-5 minutes to allow everyone the opportunity to share.

*Suggest a meeting topic. (Examples on following pages) Open the floor to sharing.*

*5 Minutes before end, take the floor and explain that Overcomers is self-supporting so we're going to pass a basket— Newcomers get a pass; tonight you're our guest. While the basket is being passed, I've asked a friend to ask for willing sponsors. (Or use reading)*

*End: nod to the one who will present newcomer kits.*

Let's stand and circle up to end the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Say: Who gives power to the powerless? Our Father...  
(*We link our arms around each other*)