

SAL Men's 12 Step In-Person Script v3.3

Welcome to this SAL Men's 12 Step Addiction Recovery Meeting. My name is _____ and I'm a sexaholic. We remind everyone that this is a closed meeting for men only, intended for those desiring sexual sobriety and recovery from sexual addiction. We welcome visitors from other "S groups" and those joining us for the first time.

Is there anyone here for the first time?

OPTIONAL: *If anyone says yes - Welcome! We encourage you to go to sal12step.org to purchase the study materials for this program and find additional tools to help you in your recovery.*

Will someone please briefly share what first brought them to SAL 12 Step meetings and what keeps them coming back? (2-3 minutes) *Pass out the SAL Newcomer handout (bookmark).*

SAL Men's 12 Step Addiction Recovery Groups recognize the trauma our addiction has inflicted upon our partners. We understand that a part of our recovery includes taking accountability for our actions, respecting boundaries, and rebuilding trust.

We utilize books from Sexaholics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous as our primary study materials. These books are not produced by S.A. Lifeline. We make no claim to their authorship and gladly abide by their copyright.

Our goal is to be sober from sexually acting out and find recovery in our own lives. We use the definition of sobriety found on pages 191-193 and 202 of the White Book. This definition is- "for the married sexual addict, sexual sobriety means having no form of sex with self or with persons other than the spouse. For the unmarried sexual addict, sexual sobriety means freedom from sex of any kind. And for all of us, single and married alike, sexual sobriety also includes progressive victory over lust." We understand that sobriety is the critical foundation of recovery. As the White Book states: "Without sobriety we have nothing to offer anyone." (p. 185)

SAL 12 Step recovery groups believe that God is at the center of personal recovery from sexual addiction. James 5:16 will be our guide as we "pray one for another, that [we] may be healed". Will someone please volunteer to say a prayer from the heart?

1. OPENING READINGS

Will someone please read (Group Moderator will pick 1 or 2):

- *The Twelve Steps found on p.208 of the White Book*
- *The Serenity Prayer (see bookmark)*

- *What is a Sexaholic and What is Sexual Sobriety? (p.202)*
- *The Problem (p.203)*
- *The Solution (p.204-205)*

2. INTRODUCTIONS

We will now take a few minutes to introduce ourselves by first name only and state our length of sobriety, steps worked, and contacts made. I'll begin and we will go around the room to my left. My name is _____ and I'm a sexaholic. My sobriety date is _____. I worked on step _____, made _____ contacts this week, and (did/didn't) complete my recovery goals from last week. Thanks I am _____.

3. PHONE LIST

We will now pass around the phone list. The purpose of the phone list is to give everyone an opportunity to reach out in times of need. We will pass the list around a second time so you can get information to contact members during the week.

4. SPONSORS

We have found that connection and sponsorship are crucial to our recovery. We strongly encourage each person here to find a sponsor as soon as possible. For those willing to sponsor, please raise your hand or type your name in the chat.

Who can share how sponsorship has helped them this week?

5. CHIPS

We celebrate milestones in our recovery with chips. Is anyone hitting a specific milestone today of 30, 60, 90 days, 6 months, 1 year, 18 months or multiple years? (If so, have someone assigned to pass out the chips.)

We also have a Hope Chip, for which no sobriety is required. Would anyone like a Hope Chip?

6. DONATIONS

This SAL group has no dues or fees but is fully self-supporting through our own contributions. Donated funds cover the cost of activities for the group.

You may also contribute to S.A. Lifeline Foundation through sal12step.org or salifeline.org.

7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Are there announcements, items of business, or 1st step inventories we need to be aware of?

OPTIONAL: *If there are more than 20 people coming consistently to your group, please discuss splitting the meeting and refer them to <https://sal12step.org/new-meeting-docs/>.*

8. STEP STUDY OR TOPIC STUDY

The Twelve Steps are the foundation of our personal growth and recovery. When practiced as a way of life, these spiritual principles help us to meet and rise above all difficulties in our lives—not just those associated with living with or having lived with sexual addiction. The aim is to see how we can apply the Steps in our daily lives.

It is now time to study SA Literature. We will conclude our step Study at ____ to leave ample time for sharing. Today we will be studying from ____ (*White Book/Step into Action/Big Book/12&12*). We will go around the room, each person reading one or two paragraphs at a time. Feel free to comment if something read is meaningful to you. Questions are encouraged. 1 minute is generally a reasonable time for comments during this portion of the meeting. We try to see the difference between mere understanding and belief, and actually putting the principle into action in all areas of our lives.

9. SHARING

Now it is time to share. We ask that you follow these guidelines:

- There is no cross talk. We don't interrupt others or comment directly about what they share.
- We talk in the "I" and "me," not the "you" or "we" forms, speaking ONLY from our own experience and not giving advice.
- We lead with our weaknesses. This is not a dumping ground for our problems or a place for continual storytelling. The emphasis should be on honesty, recovery, and healing—how to apply the Twelve Steps in our daily lives.
- Stay away from explicit sexual descriptions, specific websites, or vulgarities that may be a trigger or be offensive to others. If you feel another is getting too explicit, please raise your hand. If you find something triggering, we recommend speaking with another member after the meeting to surrender.
- Shares may include personal religious experiences, however, proselyting is not appropriate. Respect of all religious beliefs is fundamental to group unity.

- Please respect the time allowed for sharing. 2-3 minutes is generally a reasonable time, which will allow others to have an opportunity. Will someone volunteer to run a timer for us?
- We will conclude sharing at _____.
- It is now time to share.

10. CLOSING REMINDER

It is now time to close the meeting. This is an anonymous program. We ask all members to respect our anonymity. *Who you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here. <Here, Here>*

11. WEEKLY COMMITMENT

We encourage everyone in the group to contact other members during the week.

We will now take 1 minute and silently consider our personal commitment to recovery and write down our recovery goals for the next week. *<Wait silently for one minute>*

12. CLOSING READINGS

Will someone please read (the Group Moderator will pick 1 or 2):

- *The 3rd Step Prayer (p.95, The White Book)*
- *A Vision for You (p.210)*
- *The Solution (p.204-205)*
- *The Twelve Promises (this is the paragraph beginning with "If we are painstaking...on p.83-84 of the Big Book)*

CLOSING

Will someone volunteer to say a prayer from the heart? (Stand in the circle of fellowship.) ***"Keep coming back! It works when I work it! So work it! You're worth it!"*** (Group repeats)

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