

12th Step Work

Temporary Contact

Temporary Sponsor

Bridging the Gap

What do these mean? What are the differences between them? Is being a Temporary Contact for Bridging the Gap the same as being a taxi? Is it the same as committing to sponsoring someone through all 12 steps? Is it somewhere in between? What is “expected” of a temporary contact who is working with someone who has asked for help? Does it make any difference if the person asking for help is currently in a treatment facility, or about to be released from jail, or just calling from their homes?

Are there parts of the message we all have in common and should share with a newcomer? Do we have the same basic definition of what the problem is and what the solution is?

What was your experience like when you first started going to AA meetings? How long was it before you got a sponsor? Did you go back out using after some period of attending A.A.? What lessons did you learn from that? Might it be useful experience to share with a newcomer?

Were you afraid to go to your first meeting? Did you attend meetings for a while without speaking with anyone before, during, or after? Did it take a while before you developed a personal trusting connection with someone from A.A.? Was doing so important to getting the message of A.A.?

If you ask 5 alcoholics those questions, will you get 5 different answers? Do some of the answers depend upon our individual experiences? Have you heard a wide variety of experiences around the tables?

There are many quotes related to “working with others” and an entire chapter on it. There are many years of experience around the tables from people who have carried the message to someone asking for help in whatever fashion. Join us in a “workshop” like discussion group as we share and learn from each other’s experiences and discuss the above questions and what we can do to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Bring your sponsor. Bring your sponsees. Bring your entire home group. All alcoholics are welcome.

Attend one (or both!) of the following dates at the Genesis club:

Saturday Oct 2

1 pm - ??

Tuesday Oct 5

6:30 PM- ??

Working with Others Discussion

“For if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual life through work and self sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead.” (page 14 BB)

“Faith without works is dead.” (pages 14, 76, and 88 BB)

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