

## Welcome to our Social Meeting!

We are here for at least four reasons:

First, ***to know Jesus better and become more like Him.***

We do this through sharing our current experience with Him and hearing others share theirs.

Second, ***to know each other better and taste genuine Christian community.***

We do this through mutual sharing, support, prayer, and praise.

Third, ***to learn to talk about Jesus.***

Sometimes, our shyness and fears make it hard to talk about Jesus with others. By practicing here, we'll become better at sharing Him with others during the rest of the week.

Fourth, ***to be a safe place to learn about Jesus.***

This is a place where all who want to know more about Jesus may come, listen, ask questions, and participate in our discussions to learn about Him.

We're glad that you're here! And, to make the best use of our time, please note these guidelines:

- If you're a guest with us today, please ask questions and join our discussion! But we also respect your right to silence, and after introducing yourself, you don't have to speak again.
- If you're already a Christian, share honestly from your heart where you're currently at with Jesus. Let's celebrate together what God is doing for you! And please, share your challenges, too. We're all growing, and are not here to try to impress others.
- Share briefly. Long speeches are death to our meetings, and each of us needs time to share.
- Confess no one's sins but your own—and even some of those you may want to save for more private conversations, either with someone you trust or just God Himself. Use discretion.
- Avoid giving direct advice to someone else unless they explicitly ask for it.
- Remember, if you're a church member, it is your personal responsibility to prepare for and learn from our meetings. What you put into them is what you'll get out of them! We recommend planning during the week what you will share in the next meeting, and then listening carefully and compassionately to others when they share in meeting. God may be wanting to directly speak to you through their testimony!

**May each of us leave this place firmly convinced that Jesus is on our side, living within, growing us and others to be more like Him!**