

1. Bertha has set her eyes on another group member who is not interested in her. Bertha continually makes offers of coffee or more after the meeting to this person.

The object of Bertha's desire has mentioned leaving the group over the unwanted advances.

What do you do?

3. Leo has been a faithful member of your group, but, never says a word during time for sharing.

Other members have become to be uncomfortable about sharing about themselves since they are unsure about Leo.

What do you do?

5. Tom hasn't attended your group's weekly meeting in three weeks.

You have contacted him and he has assured you each time that he will attend the next session.

What do you do if he misses again?

7. Mildred shares "too much information" about her difficult experiences growing up at your first meeting—to the point that it scares others away.

What do you do to keep the group together?

9. Maximilian believes that everything can be solved by the rosary and expects everyone else to think so too.

He has started pushing another in the group to stop seeing a therapist and "rely on our Mother."

What do you do with Max? With the other member?

2. Henry arrives at your small community meeting obviously under the influence of some substance.

What do you do?

4. Kathyleen is going through a very tough time—her parents are getting divorced and her boyfriend just broke up with her.

She has monopolized the last three group meetings.

What do you do?

6. Ann arrives late each week and often "needs to head out a few minutes early."

Other members have noticed this and the amount of time the group actually meets has shrunken to meet her schedule—starting 15 minutes late and ending 10 minutes early.

What do you do?

8. Leonard doesn't quite get it—he has been extremely sheltered for most of his life.

He is continually shocked by the sharing of others and responds with open-mouthed stares and "oh ma Gawd"s.

What do you do?

10. Jane insists that the whole group "must attend" a local peace rally—including the ROTC member in the group and the group member who is the child of a career military member.

What do you do?

11. Flora comes to the meeting directly from the gym.

Your meeting is Thursday and she washes her workout gear once a week on Saturday.

People have begun to complain.

What do you do?

13. A group member has brought it to your attention that Cornelia is keeping an online journal that includes details of sharing from your small community.

What do you do?

15. Jimmy shared with the group that he wanted to stop drinking because it was a problem in his life.

You run in to him at a party where he is completely wasted—slurring, bloodshot eyes, smelling of alcohol, etc.

What do you do?

17. Adolph shares too much about his sex life and partying when sharing in the group.

Several members are uncomfortable with his stories of “conquests.”

What do you do?

9. Clem and Janet are very close.

So close that they can say volumes to each other with just a look or one word.

Others in the group feel excluded.

What do you do?

12. Martin shares each week, but, gets worked up emotionally and cries uncontrollably each time he shares.

What do you do?

14. Doc is generally a nice guy, but, when he shares his voice is quite loud—almost to the point of discomfort of those next to him.

What do you do?

16. Louise loves to tell stories during the group meetings—the issue is her stories do not relate to the topic.

Joe always tries to tell an even better story than Louise.

What do you do?

18. Despite the fact that your group has ten members, there never seem to be more than six present at any small community meeting.

Different members attend each week—there is no consistency and thus little trust.

What do you do?

20. Virginia has issues, she is quite

[your choice: racist, sexist, homophobic, ageist] and expresses such comments in the group.

There is a member of your group who feels threatened by her behavior.

What do you do?

