

LEADER'S TIP #8

MEETINGS AND MANUALS

The Leader's Manual has been designed to help you guide your group towards planning and implementing visible "relief" in the epidemic.

Here are some suggestions to help you make the most of the manual and meetings:

1. Use the leader's and members' manuals at monthly planning meetings. **These meetings are separate from your group's good works** (i.e., support groups, prayer groups, other activities, etc.).
2. **Read a small portion of the manual at each meeting** (start at the beginning of the manual). This will help to reinforce your group's identity and familiarize you more with the AFIRE mission.
3. Your group can then have an **allotted discussion time** to share anything that resonated, or ideas that may have surfaced.
4. **Follow the "General Guidelines for Meeting Schedule and Format"** in the



Leader's Manual. Review the "relief" that your group is accomplishing, and discuss and plan new activities.

5. REMEMBER -- Begin "at home." If your group currently has a support group, you already have a place to implement additional relief. Surely there are those in your

support groups who are in need of additional support (i.e., meals, cards, rides, accompaniment, clothing, basic hygiene items, etc.). We don't need to look elsewhere for "the poor." The "poor in spirit" are in our midst.

Let us "be vigilant" and discern the needs all around us.

