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Part VI

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Encouraging Group Members

Tips for Encouraging

- Be slow to speak (Prov. 12:18; 13:3; James 1:19)
- Exercise sensitivity (Eph. 4:29; John 1:14)
- Show kindness when you speak

Pitfalls to Avoid

- Defensiveness
- Sarcasm and criticism
- Correction
- Advice-giving

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Responding to a Crisis

In cases of impending physical danger, contact the police immediately. Such crises would include:

- Life-threatening situations
- Severe accidents or emergencies
- An attempted suicide or threatened suicide
- Present threats of violence by a person to him or her to themselves or others

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Supporting vs. Counseling

Situations for Professional Help

- Serious family problems
- History of past abuse
- Addictions
- Severe personality disorders
- Mental disorders or dysfunctions

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