

# "Capture the Banner"

**Purpose:** To reach out to groups and encourage an exchange of ideas and experiences between groups within an area and a Region.

**How can my Home-Group do this:**

Each group is encouraged to get Home-Group members together and make a special banner that expresses the essential nature of their group. (The banner could be displayed at their meeting)

In order for another group to "Capture the Banner" at least 5 members of that Home-Group, or 3 Home-Group members, plus 2 members from another supporting group, must attend another group's regularly scheduled meeting. At the end of the meeting, they are permitted as a group of 5, to capture the banner of the group that they have attended.

If your banner has been captured, you must take 5 home-group members, or 3 Home-Group members plus 2 members from another supporting group to the group that has captured your banner to get it back. If you would like to capture the banner of the group you are attending, and trying to get your banner recaptured, you must take an additional 5 members (a total of 10 people...combination of minimum 3 Home-Group members, the remainder from a supporting group) to get their banner. It takes 5 members to get one banner. For those groups "borrowing" members to capture or recapture a banner, the "borrowed members must all come from the same supporting group.

**A special note:** You are not allowed to capture another banner unless you have your own banner with you.

In other areas and regions, this has been a wonderful opportunity to give a tangible reason to be home group members...help us recapture our banner. It has provided an excellent platform for introducing members to a home group business meeting and the activity of making the banner.

The benefits of the time spent together to try and get another banner or to get our banner back is of great benefit to the addicts within the Home-group. A strong sense of Unity is formed using this Outreach concept. This is an excellent tool for reaching out to rural and struggling meetings.