

STARTER PROMPTS

FOR YOUR SUPPORT GROUP

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- 1. Welcome and thank you for taking a first step in supporting yourself in wellness (this could be good for a very first meeting).
- 2. Hello everyone and welcome back. I'm glad you're here.
- 3. Hi, how is everyone today?
- 4. Hello, welcome back! Is anyone having technical problems? (For online groups)
- 5. Hello, welcome back, my friends. Your presence here is very important. Let's get started.
- 6. Hi. Looks like we have ___ (# of) people. It's great that so many of you are finding the group helpful.
- 7. Hello everyone, just a reminder, your presence is very important no matter how much or how little you contribute. Everyone is beneficial to the group.
- 8. Okay, welcome back... is everyone ready to get started?
- 9. We've been meeting for ___ (# of) months now. I think this is a good time to do a quick check-in just to see how people are feeling about the group. (You might want to put a 1-minute time limit on responses.)
- 10. I want to thank you for trusting me and each other. Sharing is not always easy, and I want to acknowledge that. (PAUSE) Now, let's get started.

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