

First Meeting Agenda - Edited

Doors Open – This gives everyone an opportunity to meet with each other and build rapport before the meeting officially starts. The doors should open at least 30 minutes before the Pub starts. Some Pubs will have a dinner beforehand, others will engage in beverages, both of which take an hour or so. But most just have a 30 minute window for people to show up and chat.

Call to Order

Host gathers everyone together. She'll then give key household information, such as bathroom location and water, as well as any household rules.

The Pub Rep will then open the meeting by leading in prayer.

"Hello Everyone and welcome to the Pondering Pub. Let us Open in Prayer."

Opening Prayer – This can be found on the website or you can write your own.

Explanation of will occur.

What is The Pondering Pub.

What is the mission. What is the vision. Where do we fit in?

What is the Pondering Pub?

Show Intro video

The Pondering Pub seeks to build Creative Christian Communities. And how do we do that? By creating art. Artworks that XXX truth, YYY beauty, and ZZZ goodness. By gathering in communities to meditate on these ends, eventually a spirit gets fostered that desires higher things. That spirit has been built by the entirety of that community and is shared by all the members of that community. When the individuals begin to see themselves as a whole, The Pondering Pub then empowers that whole to go out into the world and foster Truth, Beauty, and Goodness through means that leverage the strengths of an entire group, instead of just one individual.

So what's the first step? The first step is Ponderings. At Ponderings, we come together to share works of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness that we either came across or have created since the previous meeting. This is a place to wrestle with our culture. Particularly in places where our theology must be applied in practice. This can be sharing a song that particularly struck you, a section of a book you want to share with others, or a snippet of a Podcast you've been listening to. Bring those things and share it with our group.

Ideally, we will want you to create. The goal is to transition from a consumer to a critique, and from a critique to an artist. This is far easier than it sounds, especially since we are made in the image of God, and the first thing we are told about God is in the Beginning, God creates.

Show video of "Inside the Pondering" (This is still being developed.)

So, with that as a guide, let us begin our first Pondering Pub.

Beginning of a typical Pondering Pub.

“Inklings” Presentation.

The host or Pub Rep will present a piece designed to showcase the furthest end of the spectrum of “good work.” Ponderers should walk away with the understanding that The Pondering Pub is a place where good, quality work, can be created and shared.

“Discovery” Presentation.

The other leader will present a piece designed to showcase a discovery piece. A discovery piece is a piece of art that a Ponderer discovers in their journeys that caused them to reflect inwardly or wrestle with God. Ponderers should walk away with the understanding that The Pondering Pub is a place where culture and current events can be examined in community and through a Christian lens, and art pieces are the medium with which we do so.

Any other presentations.

Set future goals.

This was a lot to take in. At our next meeting, we’ll decide what we want our Pub too look like, how it should feel, and we’ll be giving ourselves a name.

Schedule next Pondering.

End of Evening.

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Opening Prayer

Explanation of The Pondering Pub.

What is The Pondering Pub?

What is the mission? What is the vision? Where do we fit in?

Beginning of a typical Pondering Pub:

“High End” Presentation.

“Discovery” Presentation.

Any other presentations.

Set future goals.

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End of Evening.