



TIPS FOR USING THIS MATERIAL

Teaching/Preaching

- Some group members may have personal or family history with alcoholism—be compassionate.
- This topic may challenge long-held beliefs—encourage grace and patience.
- Focus on Scripture, not personal attacks or judgment.
- Emphasize that this is about obedience to God, not legalism.
- Be prepared for disagreement—model how to discuss difficult topics biblically.
- Plan a future study on Christian liberty and conscience (Romans 14-15).

Follow-up Suggestions for Elders

- Offer to meet individually with anyone struggling with this issue.
- Consider inviting someone with expertise in biblical languages to discuss the Greek/Hebrew terms.

Want charts, visuals, and infographics?

<https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/graphics/index.html>

<https://www.istockphoto.com/illustrations/alcohol-abuse-infographic>