

**To help facilitate questions during the discussion time we have listed the bulk of the questions that have been asked at other conferences. It has been our experience that most groups have enough collective wisdom to answer these questions.**

### **Church**

How can the church effectively reach out to a family struggling with an addiction?

What do our junior and senior high student leaders at church need to do? What do they need to know relative to training, etc?

### **Communication**

Do you recommend that families talk this openly about addiction?

As a sibling who knows of something, should you tell the parents?

How does your daughter feel about your honest and open way of talking about her addiction?

How do you keep the lines of communication open with an addicted daughter without enabling?

My husband is angry at my daughter for the pain she has caused and the money she has cost. He will not let me mention her name. If I do he goes on a tirade. I feel as though we cannot communicate and are distant. Is this normal? Will we work through this?

### **Denial**

How do I help my brother who is abusing? How do I help him see that his family is suffering? No one is doing anything? What do I do?

Do you think that with denial comes more enabling as a way of covering up the truth that we know deep down? Do you think that deep down we know our kids are on drugs?

Is it important to talk about these problems as a family...or just with the abusing child individually? What do we do if our child is in denial?

Our son is in denial. He is 16. Do we force treatment or counseling on him?

What suggested disciplinary action should be taken for a teenager smoking pot? What action in school can be utilized (counselors, coaches, ministers, etc) to encourage being clean? How do you get Jesus into the child's life?

Do addicts really understand the problem?