

## **Avoid the group getting stuck on old ground**

- Select topics in advance for discussion
- Initiate a discussion on pertinent issue
- Raise some issue the group has been avoiding
- Use summary statements – “*We all seem to be bogged down right now. Maybe we could. . .*”

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