A student who studied hard for her test, failed.

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A young person just lost their mother to cancer and is seeking answers from God as to why?

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A young Disciple teen is living on a college campus far from home. She is facing serious negative peer pressure to engage in partying and casual dating with non-disciple young men. You are her dorm-mate. She confides in you that she is starting to give in to the pressure of fitting in with others.

#4

A young married couple confides in you and your spouse that they are experiencing problems in their marriage. After spending some time with them, you realize that they are having differences of opinion about small things and have not sought answers in prayer together.

Note: You decide the issue and provide empathetic counsel.

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Brother: You feel compelled to talk to a new employee who joined your department nearly one month ago. He is being avoided like the plague by your other co-workers. He is often met with stares and looks of hostility or indifference when he enters a room. Your company likes to pride itself on being diversity friendly and inclusive, but your co-workers can't seem to get past his kufi to get to know the person inside. This morning you find yourself alone with him in the breakroom as you both enjoy a morning coffee.

As a mother who has lost her son to gun violence in Baltimore, you seek comfort and healing in a faith-based support group that meets weekly in a community church. These moms, like you, are African American mothers who have lost their sons on the streets of Baltimore City. One day your group leader announces, "We will have new member join us at the next meeting." Next week everyone arrives with anticipation of the arrival of the new mom. Over the past year your group has formed a close bond and have shared their stories about life in Baltimore. The door opens and a young white woman enters the room and takes an empty seat. A hush falls over the room; the silence is almost deafening.