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Introduction

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- Theme:** An inside peak at a weekly Prayer Group. Three of the ladies have been ‘praying’ together for some time, but a new comer to the group sheds light on what their group has evolved into, a shameless gossip session.
- People:** Four ladies, Megan is in her twenties, Beth is in her thirties to forties, and the leader, Mildred is a senior citizen. It has been decided that Mildred’s age automatically entitles her to be deemed the “Wise” one in the group. The newcomer, Ruth, also in her twenties, is visiting the group for the first time.
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- Props:** Folding chairs set up in a semi circle, facing the audience, all the ladies have their Bibles and perhaps some have paper cups, and/or small plates for snacks.
- Scene:** The scene takes place in Mildred’s living room. Scene opens as the ladies have just finished snacks in Mildred’s kitchen, and return to their seats in the living room. The mood is up and cheery. Mildred enters first, and the rest of the ladies all follow, chatting and laughing with each other.
- Mildred:** We had better begin our prayer time, or we won’t get to it at all! (*Everyone sits with their plates or cups in their laps*) We are so happy to welcome a new face to the group. Ruth, will you tell us a bit about yourself?
- Ruth:** Well, my family just moved here, from the next town over, and I can’t tell you how excited I was to hear of your church and most of all, this prayer group! I was part of a very vibrant prayer circle at my former church, and I look forward to meeting and praying with all of you ladies on a regular basis!
- Mildred:** And we are all so excited to have you join our little group of pray-ors, aren’t we ladies? (*Beth and Megan nod and mumble in agreement*). Now, do any of you have any issues you’d like us to pray for in your own life? (*the room is silent, as the ladies smile and stare at one another*). Well...does anyone know of other people’s needs, that we can be in prayer for? (*Megan and Beth’s hands shoot up*).
- Mildred:** Isn’t that always the way it is! You’ll soon find Ruth; we ladies are so much more concerned with other’s needs, even more than our own. I’ll go ahead and start then. Now, as I shared with you all last week, the Gallagher’s are in serious of prayer, as they are going to be separating very soon. (*Mildred’s voice suddenly changes, as she begins to gossip*). It’s no wonder; I recently heard that Ted was seen in the supermarket just last week, with...(*everyone leans in except for Ruth, who is obviously taken back by the mood of the meeting*) another WOMAN! (*Everyone gasps and mutters, “No, really? My goodness, etc.”*)

- Beth:** Well now ladies, does that really surprise you at all? I mean, I LOVE Susan, but let's face it, she really has kind of let herself go, don't you think? (*The others mutter, and nod in agreement*).
- Ruth:** (*Attempting to pull the group back into prayer, she raises her hand tentatively*). Ahem...I have a prayer need. (*Everyone turns to Ruth, very interested*). If you all could, be in prayer for my husband's job. With the way the economy is going, we're just not sure how long it will be before his division begins laying people off.
- Mildred:** We certainly will be in prayer for that Dear! Now, anyone else?
- Megan:** Well, I have someone to pray for. This is strictly confidential, the person who told me made me swear I wouldn't tell another living soul! (*Everyone except Mildred and Ruth lean in, very interested*)
- Mildred:** (*a bit sternly*) Megan, do you think that the person who told you this would be offended if she knew you were sharing it with your prayer group?
- Megan:** (*looks down, feeling guilty for what she was about to do*). I think you're right Mildred. I don't suppose I should share something told to me in confidence.
- Ruth:** (*happy that Mildred has stopped the glaring gossip in it's tracks*). You know Mildred, I would have to agree with...(*she is cut off mid sentence*).
- Mildred:** Now if we were just an ordinary group of ladies sitting around...gossiping for heaven's sake, of course, you shouldn't share a sworn secret. BUT (*everyone brightens*) since we are sharing prayer needs with one another, I don't think anyone should mind you telling us what is going on...strictly so we may all come together and pray about it!
(*Megan and Beth nod and agree with Mildred*).
- Beth:** Excellent point Mildred, excellent! My how wise you are, so good to have someone with your years of walking with the Lord amongst us, isn't it ladies?
(*Megan nods in agreement, Mildred looks very self satisfied*).
- Mildred:** So, do tell Megan!

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