

A script from



“Group Insurance”

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What Kris and Chris are both waiting in a hospital waiting room to hear news of their spouses surgeries. Kris is facing her crisis all alone, while Chris has the love and support of his church small group. **Themes:** Small Groups, Church, Support, Encouragement, Connection, Prayer, Involvement

Who Kris- female Joan
Chris- male Tim
Jerry Nurse

When Present

Wear (Props) *The setting is a waiting room.
Bible
Magazines
Cell Phone
Chairs
Coffee Table
Breakfast Fast Food- Egg McMuffin, Croissant, Hash Browns, French Toast
Sound effects- doctors being paged, elevator dings, etc.

Why Hebrews 10:24, Galatians 6:2, 1 Peter 4:8-10

How Keep the dialogue conversational and energetic. This is a great script to use when promoting the importance of being involved in a small group. Note the production notes at the end that gives the dialogue for the teacher or speaker to wrap up the script.

Time Approximately 6-8 minutes

*Lights up on a **Chris** and a **Kris** sitting in a surgical waiting room. Chris is reading a Bible. Kris is trying to read a magazine, but is too anxious. She stands up and tries to place a call on her cell phone.*

- Kris:** System busy! What's the use of these things if you can never get through?!
- Chris:** You can use mine if you like.
- Kris:** No, I couldn't. It's long distance.
- Chris:** Long distance comes free...and I never use all my minutes.
- Kris:** You're sure?
- Chris:** Absolutely.
- Kris:** Thank you. It'll just take a second. *(Dials phone)* Hi, Mom. No, I'm still waiting and I'm getting really worried. The doctor said it should only take an hour, and it's been almost two and no one will tell me anything. When we got here they said it could go at any minute...it might have burst during surgery. I don't know what to do...I wish you were here, too. Alright, I'll call as soon as I hear something. *(To Chris)* Thank you.
- Chris:** You can use it as much as you want.
- Kris:** I may take you up on that even though calling doesn't seem to help. This waiting is driving me crazy.
- Chris:** It's definitely the toughest part.
- Kris:** You think they could make these rooms any gloomier. Dingy gray walls, uncomfortable chairs and magazines from last year.
- Chris:** I bring my own reading *(holds up Bible)*.
- Kris:** Is it helping?
- Chris:** I'm having trouble concentrating.
- Kris:** Isn't that the truth. How is a person supposed to deal with this? Less than 12 hours ago my husband and I were in bed watching Jay Leno. Now I'm in a hospital and waiting to see if he made it through emergency surgery.
- Chris:** What happened?
- Kris:** It's his appendix. He woke up with a stomach ache at three this morning. A few hours later he was doubled over in pain. When we got to the

emergency room they admitted him and scheduled him for the first surgery they could book.

Chris: It was pretty bad, then?

Kris: They said it was ready to burst...and poison would spread through his body unless we got it out in time. They were supposed to be done by now. It should've been done an hour ago but nobody will tell me what's going on. Don't they know that's my husband in there?! I'm sorry, I don't mean carry on.

Chris: No, it's fine.

Kris: I have no right to lay this on you. You're worried about someone, too.

Chris: But it helps to talk about it. *(His phone rings)* Excuse me one second. Hello. Hey Jerry. No, not yet, I'm still waiting to hear. No I haven't. Sure...just whatever, fast-food, anything will be fine. Hey hang on a second. *(To Kris)* Have you eaten breakfast?

Kris: No.

Chris: Jerry, make it two of whatever, okay? I will. You're the greatest.

Kris: Thanks. Must be nice to have family in town. All my relatives are back in Delaware. It would take them a five-hour direct flight to bring me breakfast at the hospital.

Chris: Actually, that was just a friend of mine.

Kris: A friend? I didn't know there was such a thing in this city.

Chris: We met Jerry at our church.

Kris: Is he the pastor?

Chris: No, thank goodness. He and his wife are in my small group...it's like a little church that meets at our house during the week.

Kris: We don't have home Bible studies at my church.

Chris: It's really more than just a Bible...*(phone rings)* excuse me. Hello? Hi, Angie. Yeah, it's been a rough few days. She's in surgery now. They said they won't know for sure till they get in there. I know you are, I can feel it. I'm praying, too. No Jerry's already bringing me some. Well, I'd sure love the company. Thanks. I will.

Kris: That was a friend, too?

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ENDING:

Joan: Chris, how are you?

Chris: Joan, Tim. I didn't know you were coming.

Tim: Angie said you could use some company. Have you heard anything? Is she okay?

Chris: I don't know anything.

Joan: We've been praying for you guys since you called us about the test.

Tim: How much longer do you think she'll be in there?

Chris: No idea.

Tim: How are you holding up?

Chris: Having you here really helps.

Joan: I see Jerry has made sure you've eaten.

Jerry: *(Chewing)* I do what I can.

Tim: If it's all right with you, I think we should all lift you and Linda up in prayer right here.

Chris: That would be great.

The four join hands and pray on one side of the room. Kris moves to the opposite side of the room and places a call on her cell phone. We hear her frantic conversation above the calm din of the small group prayer.

Kris: Hi Mom. No... still no word. Yes, I've tried everything I can. Because the doors are locked and they just come out when it's done! You feel helpless? How do you think I feel? I just called for some support, okay...this is very hard...hello...mom...hello...?

Nurse: *(Entering, looking at a clipboard)* Chris? Chris, the doctor needs to speak with you.

Lights fade out before either character responds.

***Production Notes:** We started this drama very quietly by playing sounds people hear when they are waiting in a hospital, such as doctors being paged and elevator music. We closed the drama by having the characters freeze as our teacher walked into the scene and said, "We don't know if this nurse has good news or bad news, but one thing we do know is that one of these two people are better prepared to handle it. One person is going to have their joys doubled or their sorrows divided. While the other person is going to bear the load by themselves." Then the teacher transitioned into talking about the small group ministry.*