

How much of the answer is spiritual?
How much of the answer is physical?

Someone told you they were doing drugs.

Someone told you they were being sexually abused.

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6v1-2

How does this compare with verse 5?

Someone told you they were secretly an alcoholic.

Someone told you that they were stealing at work.

If you see someone's donkey or ox fallen on the road, do not ignore it. Help the owner get it to its feet. Deuteronomy 22v4

Someone told you that 10 years ago they had committed a serious crime and had got away with it.

Someone told you they were gay.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15v12

Someone told you they were having an affair.

Someone told you they had been raped.

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
Philippians 2v4

A friend admitted to you that they were a paedophile.

Someone told you they had just been kicked out of home.

If any one of you has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in you? I John 3v17

How are you going to ensure that you are the kind of person that others go to when they are in need?

BIBLE STUDY



Questions

Life is messy – at times it is very messy. At times all of us have to face people with deep hurts and real problems. People need help. We do not always do a good job. As Christians we are called to be a royal priesthood. That means we represent God to a broken world. It also means that we have to reach out to a broken world.

These questions are deliberately vague. Feel free to create your own back story. How old is the person. Male or female. A Christian or not, in the Church or not. Each of these situations raises dozens of other issues and questions so feel free to explore the issues.

What advice would you give?
When is it your problem?
When do you have to act?
When shouldn't you act?
What kind of things can you do to help?

Someone told you they had lost their job.

Someone told you they wanted to commit suicide.

What would make someone want to share a problem with you?
Who would you talk to?
What would you expect of that person?

Someone told you they were pregnant.

And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. 1 Samuel 23v16

Someone told you they had terminal cancer.

Someone told you they were beating their partner.

Someone told you they were being beaten at home.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me! Matthew 25v35-36