



# IMAGINE

Imagine that you have been transported to another society in another time and place. People look the same, dress the same, but something very important is different: the way they communicate. All people communicate by telepathy, that is, the direct transfer of thoughts from one person's mind to another. They are carrying on normal lives, enjoying each other, working, playing, going to school, but you have a serious problem—you cannot give or receive telepathic messages. People seem shocked that you are unable to communicate; some avoid you, some even make fun of you. You can communicate if you are able to write messages out, but very few people care to take the time to converse with you in this manner. Unable to find work and support yourself, you go to the local government for help. After waiting in line for an hour and being referred to several different departments, you are finally instructed to apply for admission to a mental institution for the nontelepathic and to begin therapy immediately.

1. How would you feel about the people of this world?
2. How would these experiences make you feel about yourself?
3. How would you feel about the government of this world?
4. Would you go to the institution for therapy or not? If not, what would you do instead?
5. If you came upon a Christian church in this world, how would you expect the people there to respond to your situation?
6. How would you feel about someone who took the time to learn to communicate with you and became your friend?