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3. If you were in the hotel room with the TV crew when the black light was turned on revealing the numerous stains, what would you say? Turn it off? Keep it on and I'll avoid the worst spots? Hey, the world is a dirty place; it's no big deal?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-11. Based on this passage, how would you describe the difference between worldly sorrow and Godly sorrow? If someone is primarily experiencing worldly sorrow, which zone or zones on the matrix is that person most likely coming from? Which zone or zones are they coming from if they are experiencing godly sorrow?
5. It was suggested that we look in the mirror and be as honest as we can with ourselves. Just in a general sense, what is it like for you to look at yourself in the mirror? What feelings arise? Are you OK looking at yourself or do you have some aversion to it? What do you think it would be like for you to physically look in the mirror and tell yourself the truth about the alarm you have been considering?
6. It was suggested that when we are in sin, honesty is saying, "I have sinned, period," without qualifications. Or rationalization. Would you agree or disagree? Why?
7. When Claire was at the pier and confessed to her friend that she had been selfish and wrong, her friend defended Claire's past actions as natural and even healthy. During this exchange, in which zone in our matrix would this friend likely be? When a friend confesses his or her faults to you, out of which zone do you tend to respond?

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9. Also, for many people, compassion is wedded to dishonesty; that is, when they are being "nice" and "kind," that means they must overlook what is wrong. For such a person, to be compassionate is to pretend the bad things aren't so bad or didn't really happen. Does compassion necessitate being soft on truth?
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