

AHA Session 5 Discussion Guide

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2. It was suggested that those who are asleep are in the most need to wake up, but they are least likely to know it. We need others to help us wake up. How are you at hearing what others have to say, even if it contradicts your view of reality? What characteristics make someone a person from whom you can take honest feedback?
3. The phrase, "so he got up," was emphasized. Some people are action-oriented by nature while others tend to be more reflective. Some action-oriented people tend to act before thinking things through. Some reflective people tend to think and think and delay action. What is your disposition when it comes to action versus reflection? How is it affecting your AHA experience?
4. It was suggested that the action needed during an AHA is not complicated; it's simple. Do you agree? What are your thoughts? If there are objections to the action being simple, which objections might be legitimate and which have more to do with procrastination or diversion?
5. What would you say to someone like Claire who did get up and take the simple action of going home and apologizing, but got the door slammed in her face? What was going through your mind and heart as you watched the scene in which Walter told her, "We're not your family anymore"? Which zone would you say Claire was in when she tried to go home?
6. Two signs that someone is avoiding a called for action were put forward: underlying fatigue and undirected anger. Have you found these to be signs that a person is avoiding action?
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