

RIGHT OR WRONG

DISCUSSION GUIDE



Watch *Right or Wrong* with your small group. Allow participants opportunity to share their thoughts on images or points that particularly stood out, things that intrigued or raised questions for them.



Read Matthew 7:17-20 and Galatians 5:16-26 out loud with your group. Allow time to consider the texts and reflect on the case presented in the film.



1. The film *Right or Wrong* makes frequent use of the term “objective moral values” and towards the end also speaks of “moral absolutes.” Is there any such thing? Isn’t morality just a matter of personal opinion? If you had to compile a list of so-called moral absolutes, what things would you include? Write them here. What criteria did you use to make your selections? What sets these apart from other rights, crimes or injustices?

2. Estimates suggest upwards of 800,000 people are involved in Thailand’s sex industry with about 25% of these being under the age of 16, and little children as young as three or four being regularly subjected to violent sex acts. What is it about sex crimes, or crimes involving children that make them appear particularly heinous? What would you say to a parent considering selling their child into sexual slavery? What alternatives would you offer them? What could and should be done to end this trade?

3. Speaking from the streets of Bangkok, ECPAT International representative Patchareeboon Sakulpitakphon suggests that sex tourists and paedophiles attempt to justify their abusive behaviour as normal, arguing their “moral compass” is off. Is there such a thing as a moral compass? If it does exist, how would you describe it and where might it come from? Isn’t morality culturally determined or based on the views of the majority? Are some behaviours morally indefensible regardless of the views of the majority?

4. Professor John Lennox quotes a line from Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky’s book *The Brothers Karamazov*: “If God does not exist, everything is permissible”. Lennox’s inference is not that atheists cannot be moral beings but rather if there isn’t a God there is no rational basis for morality. How would you respond to this suggestion? Upon what does the atheist base a moral code, and why do so many professed followers of God behave in immoral ways?



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