

# Ethics, Empathy and Emotion

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

Wisdom is as multifaceted as a diamond. What is the relationship between being openminded and wisdom?

How did you respond to Hazel's list of real life situations that require sensitivity? Do these situations open your eyes to the needs of others? Does this list make you uncomfortable? Is this a list of life experiences that you encounter with friends and/or family?

Have you been the recipient of well-meaning but highly insensitive comments? How did they make you feel? Have you offered such platitudes? How did you feel afterwards?

Are you comfortable with the ambiguity that lies between right and wrong? Are there absolutes: behaviors that lie solidly in the wrong? Or solidly in the right?

What is it that separates us from the love of Christ?

What scientific, medical, anthropological, archeological evidence exists today that has changed your perspective on what used to be (to you) a cut-and-dried moral issue?

Have you had a humbling experience yourself, that has made you more compassionate towards others?