

# Was that Wrong?

## Making Ethical Decisions

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This one-hour session will lead participants through several ethical dilemmas. An ethical dilemma presents a conflict between moral imperatives, so that to obey one imperative is to violate another. A common example is the father who cannot afford to feed his hungry family and considers stealing food. During our progression through these dilemmas we will identify which moral imperatives are operative, and explore the ethical considerations involved in attempts to resolve them. During the session we will examine four prominent ethical/moral theories. Each theory presents a definition of morality that serves as a means for addressing ethical conflicts.

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