DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What power do secrets hold over people, and why do so many people choose to keep their secrets hidden?
- 2. How did you respond when Daniel or Kelly looked to take a shortcut or a step in the wrong direction to preserve a lie or keep the truth hidden for slightly longer?
- 3. Simon sometimes held on to the envelopes with Daniel or Kelly's photos for a little too long. What do you think is the significance of that?
- 4. Do you have friends or family who are carrying a secret they should perhaps deal with? If so, how can you best support them in dealing with it?
- 5. Why do people hide from the truth they try to keep secret?
- 6. What do you do when you're faced with truth and another path? Do you weigh the consequences of

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- your preferred path to see if it's worth it? Or do you decide to face the truth in life?
- 7. What is the one secret you hold that would devastate you the most if a camera mysteriously revealed it to those around you? What is that secret doing to your future, and what is it doing to your present?
- 8. If you were given a camera that revealed secrets, would you be tempted to use it to uncover other people's secrets like Daniel was tempted?
- 9. Which person (or people or group) would be the first you'd take photos of? Should you perhaps deal with anything in your answer, even if you're camera-less?
- 10. Reflect on Simon's statement:

"Daniel, the truth will win out. It always does. Even for those people who think they can keep their secrets buried, they know they're there, and they suffer because of that knowledge. For some it's an extra burden; they carry it as baggage. Others pretend they're happy with the life they now lead, but deep down they're not. So while they think they've won, they're the ones who later in life sit back and realize just how much they've lost."

Is that true for the people around you? Is it true for you?

11. Should some secrets never be revealed? Why?

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- 12. What do you think *will* happen to Daniel in terms of the consequences of his secrets?
- 13. What do you think *should* happen? Does what you think *should* happen differ from what you think *will* happen? If so, why?



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