

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands Pt 1

Application Questions

Chapter 1: The Best News: A Reason to Get Up in the Morning

1. What does it look like for someone to treat the Bible as an Encyclopedia and miss Christ in the process? How could we resist this ditch?
2. Why will worldly systems always be insufficient to fully help someone change? What diagnosis are they fundamentally missing?
3. According to Tripp, what does Sin Produce?
4. How has this chapter encouraged you to believe that change in people really is possible?

Chapter 2: In the Hands of the Redeemer

1. What is the difference between viewing yourself as an Instrument vs. a Conduit?
2. What are the potential dangers of just handling God's Word topically?
3. How would deeper hope and trust in the sovereignty, grace, and glory of God practically help the marriage of the couple discussed in this chapter?

Chapter 3: Do We Really Need Help?

1. What does the quote "trying to live without God's help is to assign myself a sub-human existence" mean?

2. In what way is everyone a counselor and everyone a counselee? Have you thought of yourself in this way before?
3. How have you seen sin be powerful to blind in your own life?
4. How do you tend to respond to correction?
5. How could you make it easier for people close to you to provide godly correction when needed?

Chapter 4: The Heart is the Target

1. How would this chapter help you respond to someone who says, “so and so made me angry”?
2. What does it mean that everyone is an idol worshipper? Why must we help people address their idolatry if there is going to be any real substantial change?

Chapter 5: Understanding Your Heart Struggle

1. How is human conflict actually rooted in Spiritual adultery?
2. Explain the process of Desire, Need, Disappointment, and Punishment in your own words

Chapter 6: Following the Wonderful Counselor

1. How should recognizing God's sovereign hand in all of your daily encounters with people affect how you respond in any number of circumstances? In what types of relationships do you need to reflect on this reality more often?
2. What does it mean to be an ambassador of God? Where do you need to live according to this role you have been given more purposefully?