Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands
Chapter 7

1. How did this chapter challenge, encourage or inform your understanding of loving people?

2. On pages 115-116, Tripp gives an example of a seminary student who viewed people as projects to get past in order to get to "real ministry." Write down your own example of how you have treated people as getting in the way of your plans, rather than being the focus of it.

3. From page 117. What happens when we have theology but not love? Explain.

4. On the bottom of page 119, Tripp writes: "We have been loved by Christ and called to incarnate that self-sacrificing love wherever he places us. Do people sense that love in you?" How would you answer this question?

5. On page 120, Tripp says: "Effective personal ministry begins when we confess that we have taken relationships that belong to God and used them for our own selfish purposes." Take a few moments and ask God to reveal how you have done this in your relationships, then take time to repent.

6. From pages 121-122. In your own words, explain the difference between justification, adoption and sanctification.

    a) From pages 123-124. Explain the difference between the “horizontal model” and the “redemptive” model of relationships.

7. From pages 126-128. Explain what Tripp means by “Entry Gates.”

    a) From page 131. Why is it so important to “incarnate God’s ‘I will be with you’ promises”?

8. From pages 134-135. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What does it mean to incarnate the love of Christ in ministry?

    a) Which of the four reasons to incarnate Christ from pages 136-139 did you find most helpful