Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands
Chapter 8

1. How did this chapter challenge you and your understanding of identifying with others in their suffering?

2. On pages 143-144, Tripp lists five Biblical truths about suffering. Which do you find the hardest to believe when you are suffering? How can your GraceGroup pray for you as you wrestle with these Biblical truths about suffering?

3. From page 145. Tripp says: "We must not forget that we serve a Suffering Savior." How does this truth give you comfort in your suffering?

    a) How does it encourage you to come along others as they suffer?

4. On the bottom of page 147, Tripp quotes Hebrews 2:10 and asks the question: "How did suffering make Christ perfect?" How would you answer this question in your own words?

5. Tripp goes on to say that we too, are being made perfect through the process of suffering. On pages 148-150, Tripp gives us six ways in which suffering helps us as we minister to others. Which most resonates with you and why?

6. On pages 151-155, Tripp gives us a biblical paradigm (from 2 Corinthians 1:3-11) of both suffering and comfort. Briefly explain each in your own words:
    a) God is the source of true compassion

    b) The comfort we have received from the Lord has ministry in view

    c) God wants us to share in Christ's suffering

    d) Even our suffering does not belong to us, but to the Lord

    e) The redemptive purpose in all of this is hope in a fallen world

7. From the bottom of page 154: Answer Tripp's questions: Where has God called me to suffer?...How can I use my experience to comfort others? How can I tell my story in a way that gives hope, rooted in the reality of Christ's presence and love?