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**Theology and Practice – Book Assignment**

*Instruments in The Redeemer’s Hand*, Paul Tripp

1. **Write out five things you learned from the book that were most helpful to you. Write two or three sentences to unpack each point.**
   1. From the title: we are instruments. P15-20. We are His /means/, but not the cause of change. (Cf. P121-122+)
   2. “God’s Story” mentality. P36
   3. Everybody ministers and everybody needs ministry. P50-53 Heb. 3: 12 – 13 Personal ministry as a part of the daily culture. Humility on both sides of the interaction. Not busybodies, however.
   4. The Heart (Chapter 4)
   5. We are ambassadors. II Corinthians 5: 14 – 6:2. P101-107 (Love, Know, Speak, Do) (Cf. P132-133, incarnating Christ, be ready always)
   6. Speaking Truth in Love. Lev. 19:15 – 18 Sharing in guilt. This provides an alternative to either being offensive or silent. Chapter 11-
2. **Now, personalize this even more. Write a paragraph explaining how this book has changed your perspective on God, Scripture, the power of the gospel, and your life.**

The concept of being ambassadors. Every relationship, every encounter or interaction. We incarnate Christ.

1. **What are the counseling implications of this book for you? How will you think differently about ministry? What are some specific things you want to do to counsel or disciple more effectively?**

Relationship. Big picture of the story of redemption. Love, Know, Speak, Do. I have no counseling or formal discipling experience, so this will be setting my foundation. Will change the way I interact with my children, coworkers, etc.

1. **What questions do you have as a result of reading this book? What further areas of study would you like to pursue?**

The book is very generic regarding people: male/female, cultures, personality types, people on “the spectrum.” I’m interested in a specifically male-oriented approach. How is Love, Know, Speak, Do implemented for western man, specifically?

1. **Think of one person you know who is struggling. What is one truth from this book they need to understand? How could you wisely communicate it to them?**

Scott, Rodney, Chuck, Josh, Alec (Are any of my children struggling?)

1. **Write a paragraph book review commending this book to others.**

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1. **Write a prayer thanking God for what you learned and asking him for specific graces for you and someone you minister to.**

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