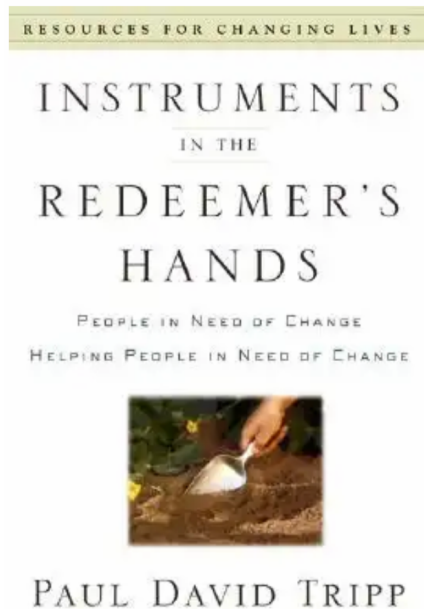
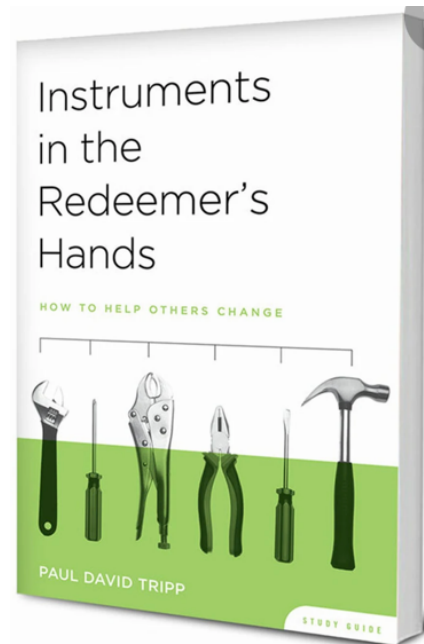


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Personal Ministry Development and CCBC Teaching Guides

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A Model of Personal Ministry



Community Group 2022 **Personal Ministry** Emphasis/Schedule

INSTRUMENTS IN THE REDEEMER'S HANDS **Introductory Lesson** **March 6**

DO WE REALLY NEED HELP? (Book Chapter 3)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 1** **March 13**

Truth #1: Above all, we need God and his truth to live as we were created to live (Genesis 1:26ff; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). *Lesson 1*

Truth #2: Each of us is called by God to be his instrument of change in the lives of others, beginning with our families and the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-17; Colossians 3:15-17). *Lesson 1*

THE HEART IS THE TARGET (Book Chapter 4)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 2** **March 20**

Truth #3: Our behavior is rooted in the thoughts and motives of our hearts. People and situations only prompt our hearts to express themselves in words and actions (Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 23:25; Mark 7:21; Luke 6:43-45; James 4:1-10). *Lesson 2-3*

UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEART STRUGGLE (Book Chapter 5)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 3** **March 27**


FOLLOWING THE WONDERFUL COUNSELOR (Book Chapter 6)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 4** **April 3**

Truth #4: Christ has called us to be his ambassadors, following his message, methods, and character (2 Corinthians 5:14-21). *Lesson 4*


LOVE I & II: **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN WHICH GOD'S WORK WILL THRIVE** (Book 7-8)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 5 & 6** **April 10 & 17**

 **Truth #5:** Being an instrument of change means incarnating the love of Christ by sharing in a people's struggles, identifying with their suffering and extending God's grace as we call them to change (2 Corinthians 1:3-11; Colossians 3:12-14; Titus 2:11-3:8; Hebrews 2:10-11). *Lesson 5-6*


KNOW I & II: **GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE, DISCOVERING WHERE CHANGE IS NEEDED** (Book 9-10)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 7 & 8** **April 24 & May 1**

 **Truth #6:** Being an instrument of change means seeking to know people by guarding against false assumptions, asking good questions, and interpreting in a way that is distinctly biblical (Proverbs 20:5; Hebrews 4:14-16). *Lesson 7-8*

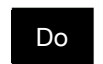
SPEAK I & II: **SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE** (Book Chapters 11-12)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 9 & 10** **May 8 & 15**

 **Truth #7:** Being an instrument of change means speaking the truth in love. With the gospel as comfort and call, we can help people to see themselves in God's Word and lead them to repentance (Romans 8:1-17; Galatians 6:1-2; James 1:22-25). *Lesson 9-10*

DO I & II: **APPLYING CHANGE TO EVERYDAY LIFE** (Book Chapters 13-14)

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands (Study Guide) **Lesson 11 & 12** **May 22 & 29**

 **Truth #8:** Being an instrument for change means helping people do what God calls them to do by clarifying responsibilities, offering loving accountability, and reminding them of their identity in Christ (Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:1-14; 2 Peter 1:3-9; 1 John 3:1-3). *Lesson 11-12.*

Simple Overview

of the Introductory Lesson
and Lessons 1-4

Introductory Lesson—March 6

The gospel provides the foundation we need for personal ministry.

CCBC wants to mobilize God's people for personal ministry.

Lesson 1—March 13

We need the words of God to make sense of life.
We also need daily personal ministry from others.

Lesson 2—March 20

My heart is the source of my sin problem.
Lasting change must always travel through the pathway of my heart.

Lesson 3—March 27

Our desires fight for control of our hearts.
The war is between the flesh and The Spirit.

Lesson 4—April 3

We were created to live for God's glory.
Biblical personal ministry's central focus is The Redeemer.
Our lives belong to The King.
We represent God's purposes to the people He places in our lives.

Then we will shift to "A Model of Personal Ministry"

Lessons 5-6 — April 10-17 **Love**

Lessons 7-8 — April 24-May 1 **Know**

Lessons 9-10 — May 8-15 **Speak**

Lessons 11-12 — May 22-29 **Do**

Simple Explanation

Why are we using Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands?

We have **compiled** quotes from the book & study guide because...

1. It provides a very useful model for **personal ministry**.
2. Our heart is for each of you to join The Spirit by powerfully, productively **speaking The Word into others**.
3. We want to give adult Community Groups an opportunity to align their group with the CCBC **annual theme**.
4. It was recommended in investigating **biblical counseling**, & the pandemic revealed the need for more to be equipped.
5. Paul David Tripp has a good reputation in handling The Word.
6. It has common features and adds more layers to The Ways of the Alongsider, which has also contributed to disciplinemaking.

How are we using the compilation of Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands?

1. We encourage **individuals** to become familiar with and use **Love-Know-Speak-Do** in personal ministry opportunities.
2. We compiled this for adult Community Groups to use for 13 weeks (March, April & May) however it is best for their group.
3. We compiled this so that Community Group Leaders and Community Group Members would have valuable information without everyone having to read the book and study guide.
4. At this point, we have ordered a few copies of the study guide for adult Community Group Leaders, in particular. At a later time, we may order books and/or more study guides for those who let us know that they want all-they-can-get-to-use.
5. Our heart is for **Love-Know-Speak-Do** to be practiced a lot!

Mark your calendar **personal ministry training** Sat. 3-26-22 9:00-11:30

General Overview CCBC Teaching Guide “Introductory Lesson”

In 2022, pray that **each CCBC kingdom citizen** will focus on identifying & developing their **one-of-a-kind life** so that through The Spirit they may be powerfully, productively **speaking The Word into others in personal ministry**.

“Introductory Lesson”

Principles & Quotes from **Welcome**: Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands (Study Guide) & **Chapter 6** from Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands (Book) by Paul David Trip

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Ephesians 4:16

Personal Ministry
Counseling
Disciplemaking



1. Our goal... is to equip you for **personal** growth and **ministry**... p. iiiSG (study guide)
2. We use the word *counseling*... but by no means do we limit its definition to the more formal, professional meaning... **counseling/personal ministry... is... getting alongside people to serve them—to assist them in making the changes God wants them to make**. This kind of counseling is not only a formal ministry of the church; it’s meant to be **the lifestyle of every believer**... p. iiiSG
3. As you **experience** God changing your heart, you will bring integrity and enthusiasm to **personal ministry** that cannot be found any other way. Ask God to reveal things to you and to change you as you seek to be his instrument of change. p. iiiSG
4. Although this... “systematizes” personal ministry, biblical counseling is much more than a system of change... **people need** more than a system of redemption; they need **a redeemer!** p. iiiSG
5. How have you seen yourself as an Instrument in the Redeemer’s Hands? How have you struggled to see yourself as an Instrument in the Redeemer’s Hands?
6. God’s plan is that through **the faithful ministry of every part**, the whole body will grow to full maturity in Christ. p. xiB (book)
7. When God calls you to himself, he also calls you to be a servant, an instrument in his redeeming hands. **All of his children are called into ministry**. p. xiB
8. The “passive body that pays the professionals” culture of the modern evangelical church must be forsaken for the ministry model God has so wisely ordained p. xiiB
9. **...mobilize God’s people for personal ministry**. p. xiiiB
10. What training have you received in counseling, personal ministry or disciplemaking?
11. In addition to all the wonderful programs and events of our formal ministry, we want EVERY person in the CCBC family to be mobilized for personal ministry (life on life ministry). Would you be more excited or scared of the idea of personal ministry? Why?
12. I want to introduce **a model of personal ministry**... It gets its shape from the way Christ brings about change in our lives, and gets its direction from the biblical call to heart change. Four words represent **four aspects of a personal ministry relationship**, four ways to serve as an ambassador in someone’s life. The words are **Love, Know, Speak and Do**...you will be doing all of these things simultaneously as you seek to be the Lord’s ambassador. p. 109B



13. **Love** highlights the importance of **relationships** in the process of change. Theologians call this a covenantal model of change. God comes and makes a covenant with us. **He commits himself to be our God and he takes us as his people.** In the context of this relationship, he accomplishes his work in our own lives, we realize that **relationship to him is** not a luxury, but **a necessity.** It is the only context in which the lifelong process of change can take place. **In the same way, we are called to build strong relationships with others.** God's purpose is that these relationships would be workrooms in which his work of change can thrive. p. 110B
14. **Know** has to do with really getting acquainted with the people God sends our way... Knowing a person means knowing the heart. When you say you are getting to know someone better... You mean that you know more about her beliefs and goals, her hopes and dreams, her values and desires... So the Know function is very important, whether it involves asking **good questions** within a friendship or **gathering data** in a more formal counseling setting. The goal is to get below the surface. As you do, you can help your friend know herself more accurately and desire the deeper heart change that is God's goal. P 111B
15. **Speak** involves bringing **God's truth** to bear on this person in this situation. To do this you need to ask, "What does God want this person to see that she doesn't see? How can I help her see it?" ...Christ helped people to see the truth. Through stories and questions, he broke through their spiritual blindness and helped them see who they were and the glory of what he could do for them. **Speaking the truth in love...** means helping your friend to see her life clearly. For lasting change to take place, your friend must see herself in the mirror of **God's Word.** She also needs to see God and the resources for change that he has provided in Christ. p. 111-112B
16. **Do**: Finally, you must help your friend **Do** something with what she learns—to **apply** the insights God has given to her daily life and relationships... God calls your friend **not just to be a hearer of his Word, but to be an active doer of it** as well. As Christ's ambassador, you are called to help your friend respond in personal ways to this call. p. 112B
17. Lessons 1-4 help answer the following BIG QUESTIONS: (1) Why do you need help? (2) What is your biggest problem? (3) As you deal with your daily situations and relationships, what things tend to control your heart? (4) Right now, where has God positioned you to be one of his instruments of change?
18. **Love** Lessons 5-6 help answer the following BIG QUESTIONS: (5) Are you building relationships in which God's work of change can thrive? (6) Are you building relationships in which acceptance and a call to change are woven together?
19. **Know** Lessons 7-8 help answer the following BIG QUESTIONS: (7) As you minister to others, do you ask good, biblical questions or is your ministry weakened by assumption? (8) In personal ministry, do you take time to organize information in a way that helps you interpret it biblically?
20. **Speak** Lessons 9-10 help answer the following BIG QUESTIONS: (9) Is the gospel central when you speak the truth to someone? (10) What does it look like to confront someone biblically?
21. **Do** Lessons 11-12 help answer the following BIG QUESTIONS: (11) Do you minister to others with a clear sense of biblical direction and help them clarify their responsibilities before God? (12) Do you help others bear the burden of change by providing biblical accountability and affirming their identity in Christ?
22. Identify which of the 12 BIG QUESTIONS peek your interests. And why?



Lesson 1 CCBC Teaching Guide “Do We Really Need Help?”

Big Question: Why do you need help?

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“Do We Really Need Help?” (Yes, we need to receive & give God’s Word)
Principles & Quotes from **Lesson 1: Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands (Study Guide)**
& **Chapter 3** from **Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands (Book)** by Paul David Trip

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Truth #1: Above all, we need God and his truth to live as we were created to live (Genesis 1:26ff;
2 Timothy 3:16-17). p. 126SG

1. Creation, Fall & Redemption...provide the foundation we need for **personal ministry**.
(God Man Jesus... are the CCBC Gospels Hooks) p. 39B (Book)
2. The Bible teaches that personal transformation takes place as our hearts are changed and our minds are renewed by the Holy Spirit. And the two instruments that the Holy Spirit uses are **the Word of God** and **the people of God**. p. 3SG (Study Guide)

Genesis 1:26-28

3. Humans were created to be dependent... They needed help because they were human... **Human beings need God’s words to live fully for his glory**. p. 40B
4. This is the first instance of **personal ministry** in human history. **The Wonderful Counselor** comes to human beings and **defines** their **identity** and **purpose**. p. 40B
5. Our thinking conditions our emotions, our sense of identity, our views of others, our agenda for the solution of our problems, and our willingness to receive counsel from others. That is why **we need a framework** for generating valid interpretations that help respond to life appropriately. **Only the words of the Creator (The Bible) can give us that framework**. p. 43B
6. Adam and Eve were created to live so that everything in their lives drew its **meaning and purpose from the person, presence, and purpose of God**. p. 44B
7. Since God is God, why are His Words (The Word) important to hear & act on? How did God give identity & purpose to Adam & Eve in this passage? What is a verse that comes to mind that gives you identity & purpose?
8. **You give and receive counsel every day**. It is not a task confined to paid professionals; it is woven into the fabric of human relationships. The problem is that we don’t often recognize the powerful impact of those everyday encounters. p. 46B
9. The issue is not *who* is counseling. All of us are. **The core issue is whether that counseling is rooted in the revelation of the Creator (The Bible)**. p. 46B
10. Why is it good to line up counsel we give or receive with The Word of God? Why is God’s Word crucial in personal ministry (counseling/disciplemaking)?

Genesis 3:1-7

11. THE ENTRANCE OF ANOTHER COUNSELOR p. 46B: For the first time in history we witness the entrance of another voice, another counselor... The Serpent puts a particular spin on the words of God because he is anything but objective. p. 47B
 12. The core presupposition of fools is that there is no God, and we don't need his revelation in order to live. (**Psalm 14:1**) p. 48B
 13. That is what sin does to us. It reduces us to fools who live in ways that deny both God and our own nature... The things of this world capture and enslave us. p. 49B
 14. PEOPLE, THE SERPENT, & **PERSONAL MINISTRY** (biblical principles from Gen. 3)
 - A. Thoughts, opinions, advice, and relationships are always agenda setting. Though we may be unaware of it, **we daily advise each other what to desire, think, and do.**
 - B. Advice is always moral, defining right & wrong, true & false, good & bad, wise & foolish.
 - C. We should hunger for the **simple dependence** of Genesis 1, **where everything people thought, said, and did was based solely on the words of God.**
 - D. The voices of the world appeal to a core delusion in sinful hearts, the desire to *be* God, and to understand and live life on our own. **We need people in our lives who love us enough to call us back to a life with God at the center.** p. 50
 - E. **We need the words of God (Scripture) to make sense out of life.** We need to listen for the one reliable voice of the Creator. His Word alone can cut through the confusion of the world's philosophy and our own foolishness to make us truly wise. **Real knowledge begins with knowing him.** Wisdom is the fruit of worship, and received on bended knee. It is a life lived in submission to the One who is wisdom, Christ. p. 50B
 15. Why is it dangerous that we hear so much that is not aligned with God's Word? How does Satan or the world or our own flesh tempt us to ignore God & His Word? How is it easy for us to get way more bad input into our minds than godly input?
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Truth #2: Each of us is called by God to be his instrument of change in the lives of others, beginning with our families and the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-17; Colossians 3:15-17). p. 126SG

Hebrews 3:12-13

16. The writer is saying that there is something in each of us that places us in danger, and because of that, **we need the daily ministry of others.** p. 51B fellow believers p. 53B
17. sinful—>unbelieving—>turning away—>hardened hearts (a terrifying progression) p. 53
18. Why is this a dangerous slippery slope or a terrifying progression leading us back toward the dominion of darkness as opposed to the kingdom of light?
19. Since each of us still has sin remaining in us, we will have **pockets of spiritual blindness.** This problem has a great impact on **personal ministry.** p. 53B
20. **I need you in order to really see and know myself.** Otherwise, I will listen to my own arguments, believe my own lies, and buy into my own delusions. p. 54B
21. **Everybody ministers and everybody needs ministry.** p. 54B
22. We need to forsake defensiveness, be thankful that God has surrounded us with help, and be ready to receive it—every day! 54B
23. Therefore, we need to live in humble, honest community with one another, where **personal ministry** is part of the daily culture. p. 55B
24. Why are we all in danger of spiritual blindspots or spiritual blindness? How can we help each other with spiritual blindspots? How does less people doing personal ministry diminish the church body's potential for kingdom impact?

Lesson 2 CCBC Teaching Guide “The Heart Is the Target”

Big Question: What is your biggest problem?

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“The Heart Is the Target” in personal ministry

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1. Creation, Fall & Redemption...provide the foundation we need for **personal ministry**. (God Man Jesus... are the CCBC Gospels Hooks) p. 39B (Book)
2. Effective **personal ministry** takes **the Kingdom promise of lasting change** to the place where it is needed—**the heart**. p. 58B
3. The Bible uses “heart” to describe the inner person... The heart is the “real” you. It is the essential core of who you are. p. 59B

Luke 6:43-45

4. In Christ’s metaphor, fruit equals behavior. The particular fruit (behavior) this passage discusses is our words. Christ says that our words are literally our heart overflowing. p. 60B ...The Bible says people are known by their fruit. p. 61B
5. We speak and act the way we do because of what is in our hearts... If my heart is the source of my sin problem, then lasting change must always travel through the pathway of my heart. p. 62B
6. Summarize how changing behavior isn’t necessarily as good as sincere heart change.

Matthew 23:25-26

7. Christ looked at the externalism of the Pharisees and said, “You guys just don’t get it. You pride yourselves on your right behavior, yet your hearts are a mess! Start with your hearts and right behavior will follow.” p. 62B
8. Many of our attempts to change behavior ignore the heart behind the actions. p. 62B
9. Change that ignores the heart will seldom transform the life. For a while, it may seem like the real thing, but it will prove temporary and cosmetic. p. 63B
10. Why is it that change that doesn’t reach the heart rarely lasts?
11. Three principles that guide our efforts to serve as God’s instruments of change in the lives of others...
 - A. There is an undeniable root and fruit connection between our heart and our behavior. People and situations do not determine our behavior; they provide the occasion where our behavior reveals our hearts.

- B. Lasting change always takes place through the pathway of the heart. Fruit change is the result of root change. Similarly, in Matthew 23, Christ says, “Clean the inside of the cup and dish and the outside will become clean.” Any agenda for change must focus on the thoughts and desires of the heart. p. 64B
- C. Therefore, **the heart is our target** in **personal** growth and **ministry**. Our prayer is that God will work heart change in us and use us to produce heart change in others that results in new words, choices, and actions. p. 65B

12. Why do you think God puts so much emphasis on the heart? Which verses come to mind?

Romans 1:21-25

- 13. **An idol of the heart is anything that rules me other than God.** As worshiping beings, human beings always worship someone or some thing. p. 66B
- 14. Sin leads us to believe that life can be found away from the Creator, and so we, in subtle and obvious ways, forget the Creator and deify the creation. Our behavior is ruled, not by worship and service of the Lord, but by a ravenous desire for something in the creation. p. 67B
- 15. Sin is moral thievery... sin is also spiritual adultery. p. 67B
- 16. Why is spiritual adultery a good picture of rebellion, sin or idolatry?

Ezekiel 14:1-5

- 17. An idol of the heart creates a stumbling block before the face. Until the idol is removed, it will distort and obscure everything else in the person’s life. This is the principle of *inescapable influence: Whatever rules the heart will exercise inescapable influence over the person’s life and behavior.* This principle has obvious implications for **personal** growth and **ministry**. p. 68B
- 18. What do you think is meant by the term inescapable influence?

James 1:14

- 19. “Why do people do the things they do?” As James says, we are led away by our own desires (James 1:14).
 - A. Our hearts are always being ruled by someone or something.
 - B. The most important question to ask when examining the heart is, “What is functionally ruling this person’s heart in this situation?”
 - C. Whatever controls my heart will control my responses to people and situations.
 - D. God changes us not just by teaching us to do different things, but by **recapturing our hearts to serve him alone.**
 - E. The deepest issues of the human struggle are not issues of pain and suffering, but the issue of worship, because what rules our hearts will control the way we respond to both suffering and blessing. p. 71B
- 20. Why is it easy to blame our responses on other people or situations? Why can’t we really blame other people or situations for our responses?

Matthew 6:19-24

3 Principles in this passage speak to what we have been considering:

- A. Everyone seeks some kind of treasure. (This is Christ’s operating assumption.)
 - B. Your treasure will control your heart. (For where your treasure is... your heart...)
 - C. What controls your heart will control your behavior. (No 1 can serve 2 masters)
21. Why is it dangerous for anything or anyone to control your heart, outside of God?

Lesson 3 CCBC Teaching Guide “Understanding Your Heart Struggle”

Big Question: As you deal with your daily situations & relationships, what things tend to control your heart?

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“Understanding Your Heart Struggle”

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1. Creation, Fall & Redemption...provide the foundation we need for **personal ministry**. (God Man Jesus... are the CCBC Gospels Hooks) p. 39B (Book)
2. Conflict is one of the principle effects of the Fall, and it doesn’t take much to incite it. p. 75B

James 4:1-10

3. If you really pay attention, you will realize that people and situations do not force us to be angry... This is why any attempt to examine the causes of conflict must begin with the heart. p. 78B
4. James makes a strong connection between our desires and our conflict, between **what we want** and **what makes us angry**. Understanding this connection can pave the way to lasting change in your life. The **desire-conflict connection** is the foundation on which James builds all the practical insights of this passage. p. 78B
5. Desires sculpt every relationship in your life. They are the lenses through which you examine every situation. At the foundation of all worship, whether true or false, is a heart full of desire. p. 78B
6. James says, “Don’t let your conflicts come from your desires that *battle within you?*” Beneath the wars between people is another, more fundamental war that rages every day but never makes a headline. It is a **“within you” war, a direct attack on God’s “within you” kingdom**. p. 79B
7. Control is the purpose of war. So it is with **our desires**, which **fight for control of our hearts**. What controls our hearts will exercise inescapable influence over our lives and behavior. p. 79B
8. Yet there is a deeper battle beneath that one: the battle between our desire for anything in the creation and our desire for God. **Every day creation battles with the Creator for the control of our hearts**. p. 79B
9. **Our desire to set up our own kingdom is in direct conflict with the King who has come to rule in our hearts**. p. 80B
10. Put this “desire-conflict connection” or this “within you war” in your own words.
11. How does us looking out for our own kingdom work against the Creator’s intent?

12. I am a **spiritual adulterer** whenever I give the rule of my heart to someone or something other than God... **My problem** is not sinful people and difficult situations. **My problem** is that I give the love that belongs to God to someone or something else. p. 82B
13. In the middle of the battle you can't forget that God is a jealous God. He loves you too much to make room for other lovers. He will oppose your proud and self-absorbed living, not because he is against you, but because he loves you... This jealous God is a giver of **grace, the most powerful weapon** in the war for the heart. God's grace gives us power to say no to powerful desires. It enables us to turn from the creation toward the Creator. It makes us willing to forsake our kingdoms for his. p. 84B
14. The problem with desire is that in sinners it very quickly morphs into *demand* ("I must")... The morphing of my desire changes to my relationship to others. Now I enter the room loaded with a silent demand. **You must help me get what I want.** If you are an obstacle, I will immediately be angry and impatient with you. But you don't know the rules of the game. I haven't announced my demand to you because I am unaware that my heart is increasingly controlled by it. p. 86B
15. Eventually I will come to accept the logic of my neediness. I will find it painful to live without the thing I desire. I will think it is appropriate to do everything in my power to get it. It becomes my right. This powerful expectation will not only shape my relationship with people, but with God as well. This is an "I love you and I have a wonderful plan for your life" view of relationships. **My plan for our relationship is that it would meet my needs.** p. 87B
16. I am angry because you have broken the laws of **my kingdom**. God's kingdom has been supplanted. I am no longer motivated by a love for God and people so that I use the things in my life to express that love. Instead I love things, and use people—and even the Lord—to get them. My heart has been captured. I am in active service of the creation, and the result can only be chaos and conflict in my relationships. p. 88B
17. How can we be blind God's love to a point of idolizing things and using people?

Galatians 5:13-26

18. The **war** (is) between the **flesh** and the **Spirit for control of the heart**... When you indulge something, you feed it. p. 90B
19. The fact is that although I experience powerful emotions and desires, I can say "no" and go in another direction because of the resources that are mine in Christ. **I am indwelt by the Warrior Spirit** (vv. 16-18) who battles with my flesh. He lives with power and glory in my heart. I can choose to go where he leads rather than where the passions and desires of the flesh would lead me. **I have also been crucified with Christ** (v. 24). When Christ died, I died. When Christ rose, I rose to a new life. Because I am united with Christ in his death and resurrection, the mastery of sin over me has been broken. I no longer have to submit the members of my body to its rule. In the face of difficulty, I can do and say what is right. p. 92B
20. Biblical personal ministry is rooted in the story of a war and a Savior King. As we place our stories within this great story of the compassion and love of Christ, we will **understand who we are and live as we were meant to live.** p. 94
21. What does victory in Jesus look like considering our heart struggle?

Lesson 4 CCBC Teaching Guide “Following the Wonderful Counselor”

Big Question: Right now, where has God positioned you to be one of his instruments of change?

In 2022, pray that **each CCBC kingdom citizen** will focus on identifying & developing their **one-of-a-kind life** so that through The Spirit they may be powerfully, productively **speaking The Word into others in personal ministry**.

“Following the Wonderful Counselor”

Principles & Quotes from **Lesson 4: Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands (Study Guide)** & **Chapter 6** from **Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands (Book)** by Paul David Trip

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Truth #4: Christ has called us to be his ambassadors, following his message, methods, and character. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21) p. 126SG

1. Creation, Fall & Redemption...provide the foundation we need for **personal ministry**. (God Man Jesus... are the CCBC Gospels Hooks) p. 39B (Book)
2. Being an instrument of heart change means **following Christ’s example and focusing on the heart—starting with your own**. p. 96B
3. Starting with your heart means understanding and **submitting to God’s calling**, which will shape your life and relationships. God has called us to nothing less than **incarnating Christ to others**. I am to be rooted in the Word, and zealous to bring the living Word—Christ—to **lost, blind, and struggling people**. You and I are called to put flesh and blood on who Christ is and what he came to do. p. 97B
4. We do not grasp that the event of **the incarnation** is also **(A) an agenda** and **(B) a calling**. Understanding the elements of agenda and calling will help us understand the nature of **personal ministry** and the importance of starting with our own hearts. p. 97B
5. The problem is not that God is not here or that he is inactive; the problem is that we don’t see him. **Our perspective on life is often tragically godless**. We miss the one thing worth seeing, the glory of the ever-present God. p. 98B
6. **I was created to live for his glory**... At the root of many difficulties and disasters is the pursuit of the wrong glory. p. 98B
7. Describe Jesus’ agenda and calling for His life on earth? How is this an incentive for you to have an agenda and to live out His calling for your life? How do you connect the *Priorities of Surrendering, Abiding and Worshiping* as a foundation for quotes 1-6?
8. **Personal ministry** is not just about confronting people with principles, theology, or solutions. It **confronts people with the God who is active and glorious in his grace and truth, and who has a rightful claim to our lives**. Only as our hearts are transformed by this glory will the principles of Scripture make any sense to us. p. 99B
9. Since the central **character** of the great story of Scripture is **Christ**, a central **theme** of the story is **grace**. It must be a central **theme** of our **personal ministry**, biblical counseling, and discipleship as well. We point people to a God who not only sets the goal for their lives, but who enables them to do what they have never done before... The impossibility of sinners becoming godly becomes possible through **his grace**. 99B
10. Why is it important to remember personal ministry is with Christ and for Christ?

11. **Biblical personal ministry** must not be reduced to a set of principles to live by. Its **central focus** is **the Redeemer** who rescues people from the power of sin and progressively eradicates its presence from their lives. We are simply agents of this **grace**. **Our goal is to help people understand it and follow where it leads** while they wait for their Redeemer's return. p. 100B
12. The glory revealed in Christ's incarnation was full of **truth** as well. This is the second great theme of the story of Scripture... In Christ, the **truth** of God takes on flesh. Jesus is the ultimate exposition of how God intends people to think and live. In his life and teaching, he confronts our foolishness with true wisdom. He calls us to a way of life that is the opposite of where our sinful instincts lead us. p. 100B
13. **Personal ministry** must offer people **truth** that destroys their old ways of thinking about themselves, relationships, circumstances, suffering, and God. The foolish things people do are rooted in a worldview riddled with foolishness. Our problem is not just wrong behavior and its results, but the thoughts that produced it. p. 100B
14. In confronting people with truth, we confront them with Christ. This is quite radical, for it says that **truth**, in its most basic form, is not a system, a theology, or a philosophy. It is **a person whose name is Jesus**. Living a godly life means trusting him, following him, and living like him. **Personal ministry** weaves the threads of **grace and truth** through every part of a person's life. In that it is truly incarnational, because **grace and truth** will always lead people to Christ. p. 101B
15. **Incarnation** helps us understand the **purpose** and **character** of **personal ministry**. People are changed by seeing Christ in new ways, ways that reveal the bankruptcy of their own agendas and the emptiness of the glories they seek. **Their most important encounter is** not with the counselor, but **with Christ**. We are there to set up that encounter. As they see him and the emptiness of their own ways, they begin to hope that things can be different. **God has placed his glory on us so that our lives and ministry would reveal him on earth**. In this way, incarnation for us is a life agenda. p. 103B
16. Expound on the line in quote 14 that "grace and truth will always lead people to Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2

17. To be an **ambassador**. We **represent** God's purposes to the people he places in our lives. This is much broader than a commitment to formal ministry occupying a portion of our schedule. It acknowledges that **our lives belong to the King**. p. 104B
18. Ambassadors must die to their own kingship to properly represent the one true King. ¹⁰⁵
19. As an ambassador, I will represent: (A) The **message** of the King. (B) The **methods** of the King. (C) The **character** of the King. p. 107B
20. Look back at verse 15: "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." What is the purpose of the cross? Paul would say it is not just eternity in heaven, but also **the recapturing of people's hearts to serve God alone**. Our sin causes us to be incredibly self-absorbed, reducing us to idolatrous worshipers of self. Christ died to break the back of our self-absorbed idolatry. p. 108B
21. Why is speaking The Word into others' lives the surest way to present His message to others? Why were conversations and relationships so important to Jesus in ministry?