

## **Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands**

### **Lesson 2: Discussion Questions**

(Page numbers listed are from our study guide)

#### **Table Discussion Rules of Engagement:**

- Stay tethered to tonight's topic.
- Remember that this is a time of "mutual discussion."

#### **Let's Talk:**

- Go around your table: What's your favorite fruit and when was the last time you enjoyed eating it?

#### **Let's Think:**

- In Luke 6:43-45, Jesus talks about the root and fruit. What do these illustrate for us (p. 13)?
- What is "fruit stapling" and why is a "stop doing that and start doing this" approach ineffective (p. 14) for lasting change?
- Consider: "An idol of the heart is anything that rules me other than God. As worshiping beings, human beings always worship someone or something." (p. 15-16)
  - What are some examples of "idols of the heart" that rule people's hearts in our world?
  - How do these idols blind people to the issues of their lives?
- How does knowing scripture and knowing people help us as agents of heart change (p. 17-18)?
- The Central Point of Lesson 2 is: "Whatever controls the heart, controls behavior. If lasting change is going to take place, it must take place through the heart." Why is it important to be agents of heart change, not just behavioral change?

#### **Let's Apply:**

- What sort of idols have been most common in your own life?
  - What are some ways God is calling you to grow as a worshiper?
- When it comes to your family and the people closest to you, what does "personal ministry" look like?
- As a person who is also in need of change, how can you grow as an instrument of heart change in the lives of others?