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7. From Ms. Moss' concerns about AIDS patients, can you find anything wrong with her actions? Do you feel it was wrong of Ms. Moss to begin getting members of Pastor Hoogan's church involved? Why do you suppose so many were willing to help?

8. What is "the social gospel"? Would you put Ms. Moss' involvement in the AIDS hospice an expression of the social gospel?

9. What does Pastor Hoogan believe concerning the AIDS epidemic? How does it fit into his conservative theology?

10. How do you explain the fact that Pastor Hoogan knew nothing of the outside activities of his church members?

11. Does the fact that Pastor Hoogan didn't get up out of his chair and see Ms. Moss to the door reflect on his feelings about the meeting?

12. In summary, why do you think Pastor Hoogan was so concerned about the news Ms. Moss shared that so many of his church members were involved in "the social gospel"? Who was Pastor Hoogan most concerned for at the moment, and why?

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Personal Assessment Questions:

- If you had to choose sides, would you choose sides with Pastor Hoogan or Ms. Moss?

- Do you think a compromise is possible in this situation?

- How do you feel about the AIDS epidemic? Is it something Christians should be involved in, or is AIDS God's judgment against mankind's immorality?

- How does your personal theology and knowledge of the Bible make you feel about this vignette?

The Chapter: "Are We Fighting the Wrong Battles?" (Love and the Ten Commandments)

1. The introduction to chapter 5 raises some interesting observations about the place of the Ten Commandments in the Christian community. Do you believe Judge Roy Moore was right or wrong to stand so firmly on the placement of the Ten Commandments in the rotunda of the Alabama Supreme Court building? Was it worth the price he paid?

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6. Take a moment to relate the royal law to the “second tablet”; that is, commandments five through ten. Can you see the connection?

#5: Honor your father and mother.

#6: You shall not murder.

#7: You shall not commit adultery.

#8: You shall not steal.

#9: You shall not bear false witness.

#10: You shall not covet.

7. Can you explain the relationship between the 1st Commandment and the royal law?

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8. Can you explain the relationship between the 2nd Commandment and the royal law? What does it mean to have an idol?

9. How about the 3rd Commandment and the royal law? Is taking the Lord's name in vain a problem for you? If it is, how does that reflect on your love for the lost?

10. Are you a sabbath-keeper? That is, do you believe that the Bible teaches Christians should observe the Sabbath as stated in the Old Testament? If you are not a Sabbatarian, why not? Do you agree or disagree with the application of the royal law to the 4th Commandment as presented in the book?

11. Do you agree with the statement, "Love is the underlying principle behind all the commandments"? If not, why?

12. Do you agree with the statements, "If we love others, we will be showing our love for God," and "If you love others in a manner defined by biblical truth, you will fulfill all the Ten Commandments"?

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13. What are your feelings about the statement, "...the Law is intended for children, but love is intended for grown-ups. Therefore, the issue is one of spiritual maturity, not spiritual zeal"?

14. Summarize the key themes of this chapter.

15. Write what you believe is the main point of the chapter.

Main Point: _____

Personal Assessment Questions:

- As you reflect on your own standards of godly behavior, which have you relied upon the most: the Ten Commandments or the royal law?

- Is this the first time you've read or heard the message about the royal law in relation to the Ten Commandments? Why do you think that is?

- Do you believe Christians these days are fighting the right battles or the wrong battles when it comes to cultural, social and political issues?