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5. There's a section in the beginning of the vignette when the supervisor explains, "Here's how we measure productivity." He defines productivity as seeing "visible" and "tangible" results, and raises the interesting question of measuring "the result of teaching." Is he correct, or is there something wrong with the supervisors assumptions and starting point for productivity?
  
6. Do you agree or disagree with the supervisor's statement, "Teaching is always risky"? If you disagree, why? The supervisor also uses the scribes and Pharisees as an example. Do you agree or disagree with him, and why?
  
7. What is ironic about the supervisor's greater concern that Jesus' productivity had increased as opposed to the fact that Jesus just raised someone from the dead? What does that tell you about the supervisor's priorities?

**Personal Assessment Questions:**

- Do you yourself work in the business world, and have you ever been subjected to productivity measurements?
  
- If you are a manager, how do you measure productivity in the workplace? Do you use that same measurement of productivity when it comes to the church? If not, why not? If so, is that right? (Along these same lines, if you are a pastor, how do you measure productivity in your staff, or even in yourself? Or is productivity purely a measure that should be used by business?)

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- Some churches actually measure productivity in terms of numbers gained per year in membership, or in the number of conversions or baptisms. What other measurements could be used to determine productivity? When it comes to church members themselves, are there some ways that “productivity” could be measured in terms of the theme of this book (the love revelation)? How does that tie in to the term “sanctification” (that is, becoming more Christ-like)?

**The Chapter: “Gospel DNA” (Love and the Gospels)**

1. The author begins by making the statement, “Two major themes parallel one another throughout the Gospels...” and describes them as “truth” and “love.” What reasons does the author give for making this statement, and how does he say the two are related to one another?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you agree or disagree with the author’s statement, “Biblical truth points to, validates, and discloses love because love is what biblical truth is all about”? If you disagree, what, then, *is* biblical truth all about?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. To what was Jesus referring when he used the term “traditions”? Do evangelical Christians have “traditions,” as in “the traditions of the elders”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What are the three important lessons about love taught in Matthew 5:21-24? Apply these lessons to your own Christian walk.



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10. What would your reaction have been if you had observed Jesus healing the man's hand in the synagogue?

11. How does the author describe the conflict of Law and love in the Gospels?

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

Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Personal Assessment Questions:**

- What new things did you learn about Christ's love in this chapter, and how do you plan on implementing them in your own life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Do you believe Jesus was not loving toward the scribes and the Pharisees when he decided not to observe the traditions of the elders? Was he being more loving to the man with the withered hand than to the religious leaders? What's your take on that?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Does anything expressed in this chapter stimulate you to want to do a better job of loving one another? If not, why, and what would it take?