

### I. The Owner’s Manual

- A. A car’s \_\_\_\_\_ manual is important because it gives the driver instructions on how to operate and maintain a car.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is in some ways like an owner’s manual.
- C. Jesus’ followers need to be people who actually take time to \_\_\_\_\_ the scriptures.

### II. Reading the Scriptures

- A. The Bible is not \_\_\_\_\_ like an owner’s manual.
- B. When reading the Bible, we need to ask \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Read all of the Bible in light of the word made flesh in Jesus.
  - 2. Read the Bible in light of its historical and cultural context.
- C. John Wesley interpreted scripture with the help of tradition, \_\_\_\_\_, and experience.
- D. The point of reading the scripture is that you would be \_\_\_\_\_ for every good work.

### III. The Role of Mentors

- A. If you are under 18 in PA, you need to complete at least \_\_\_\_\_ hours of supervised driving practice before you can take the road test for a junior driver’s license.
- B. Reading scripture is a bit like learning to drive: it helps to have people \_\_\_\_\_ you along the way.

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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## INTRODUCTION

Most people never read their car's owner's manual, but it can help car owners understand how to operate and maintain their car. Not reading the owner's manual has led to terrible consequences for some drivers. And if you are going to pass a driver's test it's imperative to read the state's driving manual. So what does all this have to do with our faith?

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### Monday: Romans 12:1-5

Sooner or later, as we let God transform us, we become agents of transformation. In our homes, schools, neighborhoods or workplaces, we begin to see things that aren't quite as God wants them. How can the "renewing" of your mind transform your vision? What steps, large or small, have you taken to transform attitudes or practices in your surroundings? Where might you have the chance now to transform things for the better?

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### Tuesday: Acts 17:2-12

Paul was a methodical Bible student and teacher. In verses 2-3 today we see that he "interacted with [people] on the basis of the scriptures. Through his interpretation of the scriptures, he demonstrated that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. He declared, 'This Jesus whom I proclaim to you is the Christ.'" It mattered to Paul that his faith in the resurrected Jesus was rooted in the Biblical documents. What role does the Bible play in your faith walk with Jesus?

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### Wednesday: Psalm 119:101-105

Article 5 of the *United Methodist Articles of Religion*, which date back to church founder John Wesley, says "The Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation." The Bible writings don't magically answer all historical, scientific or financial questions, but we Methodists are convinced they lead to salvation. What parts of the Bible's story most powerfully draw you to Christ's renewing gift of salvation?

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### Thursday: 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Temptations to worship pagan gods abounded in Corinth. Many business deals and relationships came about at feasts honoring pagan idols, and social status often came from attending such feasts. "Priestesses of Aphrodite" (i.e. prostitutes) had many clients. What powers and pressures today can push you to compromise, abandon, or hide your commitment to Christ? Can any of them leave you with no choice but to give up your faith?

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### Friday: 2 Timothy 2:14-16, 22-25

In v. 14, Paul didn't just call Timothy to study the Bible for himself, but to accurately share its truth. How is what you learn in the Bible shaping how you interact with others in your family, school, neighborhood, or workplace? What helps you grasp the Bible's central message, not just bits here and there? How can an informed, Christ-centered study of the Bible help you sift truth from falsehood among all the religious ideas that swirl in our world?

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## MOVING FORWARD

The Bible is in some ways like an owner's manual for Jesus followers. And when we don't read it, it can lead to terrible consequences as well. The problem with the Bible is that it is not written like an owner's manual. So read the Bible in light of the teachings of Jesus and its historical and cultural context. This may be difficult at first, so it's important to have mentors. But when we learn to read scripture and do it on a regular basis, it can prepare us for every good work.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) owner's, B) Scripture, C) read. IIA) written, B) questions. IIC) reason, D) equipped. IIIA) 65, B) mentoring.*