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CARS, GOD, AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 2 June 22, 2025

“Driver’s Ed and the Owner’s Manual”

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of scripture and the opportunity to come together with others to grow in our faith. I pray for all of us in this study today, that we might sense that you are calling us to read scripture. That you are calling us to be a part of this small group where we can grow together in their faith and help each other live life. As we seek to live our lives in a way that honors you and pursues your will for our lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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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?

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.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever read your car’s owner’s manual? Do you think it is important to read it?
2. Do you believe that the scriptures are like an owner’s manual for Christians? Why or why not? Discuss.
3. How often do you read scripture? What role does the Bible play in your faith walk with Jesus?
4. John Wesley said he interpreted scripture with the help of tradition, reason, and experience. Do you find this helpful in interpreting scripture? Discuss.
5. Do you have a mentor to help you in your understanding of scripture? Does this group help you in your faith walk? If so, discuss how they help.

FINAL APPLICATION

This week, read at least 5 verses of scripture each day.