MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE
But Did You Read The Manual?

1. Joel started out this message by asking if you were dropped on a deserted island in the middle of nowhere but could bring 3 things, what would you bring? What are your 3 things?

2. In this message, we suggested for 1 of your 3 deserted islands items to be the ultimate survival tool in all situations, *the Bible.* In what ways is the Bible a survival tool in any and all situations?

3. According to Christianity Today, only 10% of Christians read their Bible regularly. What are some reasons you think may contribute to that?

4. This series is called, *I Can Change.* What do you think the connection of this message topic of reading the Bible is with this series title?

5. We got really practical on Sunday about how to start (or restart) reading the Bible. The 1st point was, *pick a translation that you understand.* Read the KJV & NLT versions of 2 Peter 3:14-16 and discuss the importance of picking the right translation.

6. The Bible was originally written in 3 different languages but has since been translated into thousands of versions with the goals of *accuracy* and *using modern language.* Why are both so important?

7. The 2nd point for how to start (or restart) reading the Bible was to *pick a time & a place to read.* What time & place would work for you and why?

8. Discuss this quote from the message in terms of Bible reading, *the more you do a thing, the easier it is to keep doing a thing.*

9. The last point for how to start (or restart) reading the Bible was to *pick a tool that helps you understand the context of what you're reading.* Joel recommended a *Life Application Study Bible* (for analog people) and *The Read Scripture App* (for digital people. What do you remember about this part the message that makes these tools helpful for Bible reading? Do you use any tools?

10. The Bible is God's living word. It's active & powerful. A lamp for our feet. It can literally change our life. How would you like to see the Bible change you?