A. Skevington Wood, The Burning Heart (Chapters 9-18)

1. Notice that Wesley did not intend to reject the Church of England, but he wanted to reform and revive it. Hence he remained an Anglican until the day of his death? Do you think that Wesley had the right intention, or should he have simply broken with the Anglican Church and started Methodism as an independent denomination from the very beginning?

2. What do you think of the confrontation between Bishop Butler and Wesley? What do you think of Wesley's argument that he could cross ecclesiastical boundaries because he was an ordained a Fellow of Lincoln College and had no specific appointment to a parish?

3. What are some of the statistics that reveal Wesley’s busy itinerant ministry? (see page 116). (Incidentally, notice that in spite of his rigorous travels and stressful work, he enjoyed robust health until his death in 1791).

4. What were some of the recurrent challenges that faced Wesley in his mission as a traveling evangelist? Why do suppose he never listed loneliness as one of them? Notice that his sleepless nights were due to environmental disturbances and not personal anxiety.