

*life*Lines Utility
**Unexpected: Followers
Traitor**

Reading My Bible: 30 Things

This method of reading scripture allows space and time for the Holy Spirit to specifically speak to our hearts through God's Word. This method is better suited for shorter passages.

Read the passage a few times. Let it sit with you. As insights, ideas, questions, applications come to mind, jot them down.

This method is best done by trying to find "30 Things" in 30 minutes. Adjusting for your lifeGroup schedule, try to do either "5 Things in 5 Minutes" or "10 Things in 10 Minutes".

After each person has had time to record their ideas, spend time sharing what stood out to you. What questions did you have? How did God speak to you in his Word today? What will you do this week because of what you have read?

PASSAGE: [Matthew 9:9-13](#)

PRAY

Ask God to show you the people you have labeled as "other", and where you have seen them or even treated them as "disreputable" or "scum", and ask for forgiveness. Ask God to show you how you can welcome people like Jesus did, and Ask God to help.

LOVE

Brainstorm, with the group, how and who you can welcome to help them feel valued and equal.

