*life*Lines Utility ACTIVATE FAITH: DEPENDENT Surrender: My Mind

Reading My Bible: I-Q-A

This method of reading scripture is a simple way to reflect on God's Word and apply it to your life. It is an easy one to remember and have in your "toolbelt". It also has a unique aspect of asking you to write down questions that the passage sparks for you – hopefully questions that will keep you thinking about the passage throughout the day. Read the passage a few times before reflecting on the questions below. In your lifeGroup, you may want everyone to work through the questions on their own before discussing them together. Or, you could do it as a whole group. Be sure that everyone has a piece of paper for recording their own personal Insights, Questions, and Applications.

PASSAGE: Romans 1:21-23, Romans 12:1-2

I-Insights:

• What is standing out to you as you read this? What do you notice? What insights do you gain? What is this passage trying to say/teach to you today?

Q-Questions:

• What questions are you left with after reading this? Questions that you want to reflect on? Questions that you want to ask God? Questions that God wants to ask you?

A-Apply:

• How can you apply this passage to your life today? Is there something you want to do or act on? An attitude that needs changed? How can you live out this passage in your life today?

PRAY

Pray that God would show you the thinking you are holding too tightly, and that He would soften your heart to be willing to have your thinking challenged. Pray that He would build your faith, that you would trust Him even with your thoughts. Pray for our church, that we would be quick to be redirected by His Word. And pray for leaders everywhere, that God would shape their thinking to be humble servants Him and of all people they lead.

LOVE

How can you, this week, love someone by listening to them? Whatever it is, be free of yourself, and let your listening be a sacrifice that God will find acceptable. Try to simply hear them, and understand from their point of view. Give them the gift of your ears and attention.

