## **More Than Hearing Worksheet**

Episode: C Ordinary 28x2016

Text: Luke 17: 11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} music {D2} self

Word - I/Sfx, Eye - I, Math - I, Body - I/Sfx, Music - I, People - I/Sfx, Self - I

| Smarts                      | Images in the text/<br>interesting exegesis   | Illustrations   | SFX  |
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| Word -<br>Verbal/Linguistic | Jesus traveling to Jerusalem  And as they went - kai egeneto, also translated as it happened to be  (Kai Egeneto would be a great name for an NPR reporter.)  | Literary place of great import (doom) to which one must travel to complete a journey  Mordor The Emerald City Alexandria (the walking dead) etc   | Cleansed Cured Made whole  What degrees of similarity and difference are in these three words? |
| Eye - Visual/Spatial        | Vs. 14 When he saw them Jesus was 'seeing' what his Father was 'seeing'. Whole human beings. Not lepers. God sees, perceives, knows them as healed. Jesus doesn't see lepers, he sees 10 whole human beings who are not defined by leprosy. | region btwn Galilee and Samaria - interesting as they are essentially contiguous Is this near where Naaman was healed? Probly!  a DMZ? the borderland between waking and dreaming?  Liminal place - Origin and Etymology of limen | MAPS!  |

|                                |  | Latin limin-, limen<br>transverse beam in a<br>door frame, threshold  |   |
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| Math -<br>Logical/Mathematical | Jesus is surprised by the math (10-9=1), but more by the logic of the situation. Being cleansed of leprosy should produce praise. It seems instead to have produced adherence to his instruction.  | Simpson's Paradox or<br>Reversal Paradox  |   |
| Body - Kinesthetic             |  | Do I have to tell you to Google leprosy?  | Have people stretch their arms up (swan up) in praise, and then bowing, stretch them down (child's pose) in thanksgiving.   |
| Musical                        | It has been said that praise is "the jazz factor" of faith.  Paul Duke   | Various Kyries  gregorian chant  the electric prunes from the easy rider soundtrack  David Crowther Band  |   |
| Natural                        |  |   |   |
| People - Interpersonal         | Your faith has saved you  I hear that term implying a kind of wholeness that was not there before, regardless of whether what was not 'whole' before is sin-related, danger, illness, or being a pariah. For Jesus to use sodzo here signifies that there is more than the skin or infection that is at stake. This man can now return to his home, his family, his community, his work, his village his | <ul> <li>It used to be popular to imagine what each of the other 9 lepers went on to do instead of returning to give thanks. I always thought that was a poor exegetical exercise, but it might be a useful hermeneutical one. It is fertile ground for being judgmental, so guard your gracious self.</li> <li>Who are the lepers and outcasts of our day and our culture? Who are the ones calling out for mercy? How would Jesus respond to them? How will you?</li> </ul> | Discuss this quote: "That's what the priests will give them: certification of cure, with all of their membership privileges reinstated. Maybe a Samaritan knows better than to put too much value in these. Maybe this is why he's free to pour out praise. He has already received all that will matter, and he knows it." Paul D. Duke, Living by the Word, "Down the Road and Back", Christian Century September 27-October 4,1995 |

|                      | life<br>~ Mark Davis   |  |  |
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| Self - Intrapersonal | Maybe glory is thanks but to the nth degree  | Who would you be afraid to approach? Why? WWJD?  |  |
|                      | Thanks = an expression of gratitude Glory = worshipful praise, honor, and thanksgiving | It is said that when the Allied forces liberated the Nazi concentration camps, many of the prisoners, now free, staggered out to the gates, looked around, then returned to their cells or barrackses. Perhaps that deep attachment to structure, even if it is destructive, is akin to what happened to the nine who didn't return. They were compelled to fulfill Jesus' instruction to see the priest, who according to the Law, was the only one who could declare them clean (even though Jesus had made them clean). |  |