

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For **it is a credit to you** if, being aware of God, **you endure pain** while **suffering unjustly**. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, **what credit is that?** **But if** you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, **so that you should follow in his steps**. ²²"**He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.**" ²³When he was abused, **he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly**. ²⁴He himself **bore our sins in his body** on the cross, so that, **free from sins**, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going **astray like sheep**, but now **you have returned to** the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Math - I, Body - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vs. 21 - <i>anastrophe</i> , translated as "conduct," implies a "walk," a distinctive way of being in the world.	"This is my house!" Peter's use of this metaphor, though subtle in our English translation, challenges all Christians, regardless of time or place, to reflect on what house they are willing to defend, and how. ~ Daniel Deffenbaugh , WP	
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2		Vs. 19-20 Discuss credits and debits and how they work. This may not be as easy as it seems, as there are some common uses of the terms that are may be different from the technical terms. Get an accountant or banker or the church treasurer to help you if necessary.	
Body - Kinesthetic		Vs. 21 - Have you ever tried to literally follow	Invite one or several folk either to follow your steps

MWD		<p>someone's footsteps? Perhaps as a child following a parent, or following a guide through snow or on a rock wall climb? What was it like mentally or emotionally to do that? Usually we do such following for fun or for safety or in admiration. What then do we make of this suggestion that we follow Christ intentionally into suffering?</p>	<p>or for you to follow theirs around the sanctuary. Or maybe take turns following each other. On your turn as leader, lead them to the cross in your sanctuary if you have such. Add a Nature Smart element by drawing in the Shepherd/Sheep imagery</p>
Musical			Set verses 22-23 to music?
Natural			See Body
People - Interpersonal			<p>Who among your fellowship are the ones vulnerable to abuses or being lost in the culture? How might your fellowship unite to shield or uphold them?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vss. 19-21 We must understand this advice in its social location. Peter is writing to aliens and exiles in the land. These were people who had no power to do anything other than suffer in their context. The parallel or path leading to Jesus is meant to offer comfort and strength for their struggle.</p>	<p>"[.c]areful self-examination will guide them to live out what Miroslav Volf calls a "soft difference," a Christian distinctiveness that sits between the extremes of simply capitulating to culture and unnecessary distinctiveness (a brittle difference). By living a soft difference, their more vulnerable members would actually be protected. "Readers were instructed to comply with the standards of popular society as a way of preserving the basic safety of the most at-risk readers; yet, in each case, social conformity was balanced by some form of resistance which</p>	<p>Considering your own conduct, or walk, is your difference soft or brittle?</p> <p>Soft = willing to be flexible in order to see to the needs of those in your fellowship on the margins</p> <p>Brittle = holding fast to ethics, mores, ideals with the unintended consequence of leaving the vulnerable exposed</p>

		cautiously challenged existing social structures.” Jeannine K. Brown , WP	
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