

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, **do not be surprised** at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But **rejoice** insofar as **you are sharing Christ's sufferings**, so that you may also be glad and **shout for joy when his glory is revealed**. ¹⁴**If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed**, because the spirit of glory, which is **the Spirit of God, is resting on you**.

¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. ¹⁶Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?" ¹⁹Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

⁵Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ²to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

⁵In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

⁶**Humble yourselves** therefore **under the mighty hand of God**, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷**Cast all your anxiety on him**, because **he cares for you**.

⁸**Discipline yourselves, keep alert**. Like **a roaring lion** your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, **steadfast in your faith**, for **you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering**.

¹⁰And **after you have suffered for a little while**, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself **restore, support, strengthen, and establish** you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Math - I/S, Body - I, Music - I, Nature - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			

<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>	<p>hope of a future consummation as a point of orientation for daily life</p>	<p>Jesus' example (and exaltation) are a beacon for disciples. Makes me think of a lighthouse!</p> <p>Also, it is magnetic north! Bring out the compasses again</p>	
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>	<p>Vs. 4.12 - don't be surprised</p>	<p>"If you didn't want to go to Minneapolis, why'd you get on the train?" - Garrison Keillor</p> <p>The suffering disciples experience follows on the pattern of Jesus - who suffered. It is illogical to expect anything different both in the suffering and in the outcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The early church was already on the outs with the larger culture - what does it mean for those of us in the dominant culture to live in a way that deliberately puts us outside the box? <p>Orthopraxis rather than orthodoxy....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vs. 4.14 - "If you are reviled, then you are blessed" - an apparent contradictory if-then. If you are hated, then you are loved... → bad/good, poor/rich, foolish/wise, etc. → beatitudes, 1Cor1, parables, etc. <p>Speaks to the ethics of different frames of reference.</p>	<p>⇐ use a newsprint or whiteboard or projection to show the "if-then" relationship (Practice "if-then" situation, or view a video on mathematical "if-thens". Here is some more about conditional statements). We find that the if-then statement in vs. 14 is, as Obi-wan Kenobi said, "true, from a certain point of view."</p>

<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>	<p>Vs. 4.13 - shout for joy when his glory is revealed</p>	<p>This makes me think about yelling your lungs out at a sporting event when a spectacular play happens</p> <p>Or at a rally or concert</p> <p>V. 5.10 - like a boxing cornerman, God will support & strengthen those who are fighting. Here's a video of some zealous cornermen (n.b. - language)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here's a video about a man who suffered, became a cornerman, and became in inspiration (n.b. - some language) 	<p>If you can stand the criticism, have your congregation let out a roaring cheer. Or have a group of people (the choir maybe?) yell like their favorite team won a championship.</p> <p>(What if we cheered like this every time someone acted in Christlike ways?)</p>
<p>Musical</p>	<p>isn't there a song that goes something about God caring for you....? I'll look when I get online</p>	<p>Vashawn Mitchell - God Cares for You</p> <p>Lyrics Music</p> <p>Like No One Else - O.C. Supertones</p>	
<p>Natural</p>	<p>5:8 - like a roaring prowling lion...</p>	<p>why does a lion roar?</p> <p>The suffering of the early church is not for what they believed so much but for what they DID. What do we DO that might make us targets for someone like the lion?</p>	<p>Play some recorded lion roars</p>
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>5:7 - cast all your cares on him....</p>	<p>⇐ Remember coming to your parents when you were a child with a fear or an injury? This is what God intends.</p>	<p>⇐ Discuss who in your life is someone on whom you can cast cares - a spouse, friend, counselor, etc. What makes that person trusted?</p>

	vs 9 brothers and sister all over the world....	⇐ The suffering disciples over the world endure is like a name tag on which Christ's name is inscribed.	⇐ Get those Hello my name is or some blank name tags and write the name "Christ" on them and hand them out.
Self - Intrapersonal	5:7 - he cares for you		5:7 - Kinda cheesy but make construction paper hearts and have your kids hand them out to people as the offering is collected This has a People element in it as well