

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but **not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions**. 2 Some believe in **eating anything**, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 **Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat;** for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 **Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike.** Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 **Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.**

7 **We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.** 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 **Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?** For **we will all stand before the judgment seat of God**. 11 For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.**”

12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Math - S, Music - S, Nature - I, People - B, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2			Create a Venn diagram of the different “parties.” Circles for those who eat, those who abstain, those who mark days, those who celebrate all days. This

			shows the divisions. These are then gathered into larger circles of “honor God through food” and “honor God through time”. All these are then surrounded with a circle for “Christ died for these”
Body - Kinesthetic	Contamination from pagan meat vendors. This is more “magical thinking” than concern over bacteria, though...	Eating hot dogs from 7-11. Or street vendors DON'T JUDGE ME! I like my mac & cheese with ketchup. So what?	
Musical MWD			Write verse for “We Are One in the Spirit” that reflect the differences and unity expressed in this passage. <i>Some praise God by fasting from certain food, Some praise God, eating everything that God has called good, Now praise God, all of you for whom Christ shed his blood! And they'll know...</i>
Natural D2		Biologists categorize different plants and animals by the subtle differences in their structure or behavior (species and subspecies), while at the same time recognizing the common bonds that link them together (phyla, class, etc.) Taxonomic rank	
People - Interpersonal MWD	Issue of identity - are we Jewish or not? Echoes of Paul's disagreement with Peter and James over his ministry to the Gentiles	Eating in the home of a person who supports a rival sports team Going to a dinner for a political candidate you	The next time your congregation has a potluck dinner, make a conscious decision to sit with someone you ordinarily wouldn't - someone you

		don't endorse	<p>don't know very well or someone you think you know <i>too</i> well.</p> <p>Also, bring a dish specifically for someone in your congregation who eat a different diet than you - vegan or gluten-free or carnivore or nut-free. Be sure it's marked.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>For Paul, food is moot because Jesus has overcome all divisions. Paul's flexibility is rooted in his vision of Christ.</p>		<p>Using the Venn diagram above, consider where you have drawn lines of judgement in your own life. Where are you convinced that you may need to reconsider?</p>