

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 10:40-42

NRSV: 40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

NIV: 40 “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

NLT: 40 “Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. 41 If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. 42 And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”

Eye - I/S, Math - I/S, Nature - I/S, People - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	<p><i>dexomenos</i> = welcome or accept, receive</p> <p><i>misthos</i> - wages; unlike Paul, these are daily wages. Is Matthew speaking to blue collar people?</p> <p><i>ou meh</i> - truly I tell you also, ain’t never gonna happen</p>		
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD	vs. 40 - whoever welcomes you, welcomes me	⇒ Advice given to students taking Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) - “You are representing	⇒ Envision yourself walking into a room and right behind you are your parents who gave you you

		<p>Christ. Alongside you, behind you, following you into the room, invisibly but truly, is the entire church. You bring God with you. You are yourself, but more than yourself.” ~Liddy Barlow, <i>Christian Century</i></p>	<p>genetic being. Behind them are their parents, etc. etc. Also coming in behind you are those people who shaped your life; and the people who shaped their lives, etc. etc</p> <p>How big must that room be? How big must YOU be for having them all in you? (Self smart)</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>	<p><i>shaliah</i> - emissary, envoy, ambassador, one who embodies the authority of the one in whose name you come</p> <p>This was LONG before the days of instagram, telegrams, or even the pony express. Communication involved people.</p>	<p>A = anyone, P = prophet, R = righteous person r = reward, f = welcome</p> <p>$A + f(U) = A + f(Me)$ $A + f(Me) = A + f(\Theta)$</p> <p>$A + f(P) = r(P + A)$ $A + f(R) = r(R + A)$</p> <p>⇒ Triad of relationships: prophets, righteous ones, little ones.</p> <p>Triads often focus attention on the third member, whose identity comes as a surprise. Thus audiences might have expected this triad to include prophets (proclamation and divine power), the righteous (those who endure the pursuit of justice), and ... the wise or the holy ones. Nope! Little ones who represent the mission being wholly dependent on God.</p>	<p>⇒ Bring back the three legged stool!!!</p> <p>Illustrate/demonstrate our assumption:</p> <p>1st leg - prophets (classical sense, modern prophets) - <i>Speak God's Word</i></p> <p>2nd leg - righteous ones (those who kept after God's justice, Nuns on the Bus) - <i>Keep God's Word</i></p> <p>3rd leg - little ones which is the same size and of the same importance as the other two. Demonstrate how utter dependence on God's presence, power, provision is necessary to be in the world. <i>Need God's Word</i></p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>	<p>By doing what Jesus has done, the disciples have already been teaching but through their actions.</p>		

	body/word/people/self		
Musical			
Natural MWD	vs. 42 - a cup of cold water	a cup of cold water is precious to a person who is really thirsty—in some instances, the gift of life itself.	⇒ Provide cups of cold water for all your congregation
People - Interpersonal D2	To what degree is hospitality itself an indication of discipleship? Jesus concludes his mission instructions with an implied invitation to all those "anonymous" saints who occupy our churches: you may not be the ones going, but never forget you too are sent.	<p>“In the ancient world identity was tied to family and community. It was understood that in showing hospitality, one welcomed not just an individual, but implicitly, the community who sent the person and all that they represent.” -Elisabeth Johnson, <i>WP</i></p> <p>⇒ Focus on what it means to be sent:</p> <p>What would happen if we stopped expecting people to come on their own initiative through our church doors, and instead took seriously our calling to bring the gospel to them? What would happen if we truly believed that we bear the presence of Christ to every person we encounter, in every home, workplace, or neighborhood we enter? What would happen if we saw every conversation as an opportunity to speak words of grace, every interaction as an opportunity to embody Christ's love for the neighbor?</p>	<p>⇐ Discuss among groups: How often do you represent your family as you go about your daily life? Are you aware of it? If you are, how does that rest on your shoulders? Do you see other people as emissaries of their places of origin? Does it make a difference how you receive them if you do? or don't?</p> <p>⇐ Provide paper so people can make a plan for taking the Gospel into the world this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To whom? Specific person or type of person • What? Testimony, call to repent, offer of healing • Why? What is the person's need • With whom? Partners to help you

Self - Intrapersonal			Jesus intends the disciples to be the answer to their own prayers. How often when we ask God to send/mend, do we see ourselves as the agent of change?