

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: [Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#) • [Psalm 30](#) • [Revelation 5:11-14](#) • [John 21:1-19](#)

PEOPLE Smart

Interpersonal intelligence has to do with both recognizing and activating other people's motivations and relationships. People Smart people process information through interactions with others in conversation. This is great in a committee meeting or bible study, but in worship, we don't often give people much opportunity for this sort of discussion. There's no real reason why we can't though! Take a cue from your children's sermon and plan for time in the sermon when people can ask or answer questions with you or with one another.

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9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything;

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PEOPLE		vss. 15-19 – Dog shaming videos. Or kid shaming videos.	Readers theater (see example)
		<p>Something about asking a person a question more than once that gets a more emotionally honest answer. My first head of staff would ask people how they were doing, especially if he knew they were going through some stuff. “Okay,” they’d say. “But how are you doing?” he’d ask again. “No, I’m fine,” they’d say. “Right.... But how are you doing?” *person bursts into tears*</p> <p>See also, interrogation techniques. Note that Jesus doesn’t use these.</p>	
		<p>Many people attest to fishing as a way to get away from the stress and misery of life. For Simon, it was what he knew best, most likely. What would you pick in a time like that?</p>	<== Invite folks to discuss this question together.

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Text: Revelation 5:11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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<p>PEOPLE</p>		<p>The exhilaration of a powerful choral concert - Not everyone will know that this can happen Hearing a choir/chorus do a rousing number, perhaps patriotic or spiritual or just exquisitely done can really move one’s spirit and even a crowd. <i>PEOPLE for interactions</i> <i>MUSIC for music</i></p>	<p><= Present the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s <i>Messiah</i> either live, which might take some work, or show a clip <i>PEOPLE for interactions</i> <i>MUSIC for music</i></p>
		<p>^ The von Trapp Family Singers performing “Edelweiss” at the Austrian music contest in <i>The Sound of Music</i> moved the crowd and made the Nazis grind their teeth. When Georg’s voice fails because he is heartbroken, the crowd takes up the song.</p>	<p>Here’s a set of several videos for Choir! Choir! Choir!, which is an ongoing Canadian pop-up choral experiment. Follow suit and teach your congregation a simple but meaningful song to offer in the worship service? <i>PEOPLE for interactions</i> <i>MUSIC for music</i></p>

Text: Psalm 30

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.

1 I will extol you, O Lord, for **you have drawn me up**,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

2 O Lord my God, **I cried to you for help**,
and you have healed me.

3 O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

4 **Sing praises to the Lord**, O you his **faithful ones**,
and **give thanks** to his holy name.

5 For **his anger** is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but **joy** comes with the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

7 By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me **as a strong mountain**;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

8 **To you, O Lord, I cried**,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

9 **"What profit is there in my death**,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

10 **Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!**
O Lord, **be my helper!**"

11 You have turned **my mourning** into **dancing**;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and **clothed me** with **joy**,

12 so that my soul may praise you and **not be silent**.
O Lord my God, **I will give thanks to you** forever.

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PEOPLE		Have you ever had to ask someone for help or even protection? Maybe someone from whom it was not immediately	<= Invite your folks to share stories with each other about a time when they were in a desperate situation and got help

		<p>clear that they would be willing to help you? That is the feeling that comes through here.</p> <p>Consider parents, principals, and police. Because of their dual roles as helpers and keepers of law and order, it is not entirely assured how they will respond in your time of need.</p>	<p>from a powerful benefactor. How would you express your thanks to that benefactor? Would you write a poem about the experience?</p>
		<p>Will Robinson, in the <i>Lost In Space</i> reboot, is trapped in a forest fire. He finds an injured alien robot of unknown origin or intention and helps it. As the fire intensifies the robot saves Will.</p> <p>This may be a trope. Pretty sure. See also, <i>The Iron Giant</i> and Gort in <i>The Day the Earth Stood Still</i> (2008). The robot with great destructive power is brought around to compassion by the plea of a boy.</p>	

Text: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Meanwhile Saul, **still breathing threats and murder** against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for **letters** to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 Now **as he was going along and approaching Damascus**, suddenly **a light from heaven flashed around him**. 4 **He fell to the ground** and **heard a voice saying** to him, "Saul, Saul, **why do you persecute me?**" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

7 The men who were traveling with him **stood speechless** because **they heard the voice** but **saw no one**. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and **though his eyes were open, he could see nothing**; so **they led him by the hand** and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days **he was without sight**, and **neither ate nor drank**.

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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PEOPLE		Transformational logic from James E. Loder, of course. Here's a review of a book about it with a wee summary in the first couple pages. Here's an article with a short summary. Here's the book.	

		<p>This story is one of the biblical archetypes of this sort of transformation. Saul is in conflict in his religious context, as this upstart sect of Jesus followers grows. He is further and more deeply conflicted when he is confronted by the reality of the Risen Jesus. From there he must make sense of it all, which he eventually does by the power of the Holy Spirit.</p>	
		<p>American culture vs. LGBTQ looks something like this. There used to be almost universal condemnation, breathing threats and murder toward non-cisgendered, non-binary, non-hetero sexuality. Somehow through greater exposure to actual LGBTQ people, a great switch has happened to accept them as they are. Not quite universal, of course, but a remarkable shift in a relatively short period of time.</p>	