

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: [Isaiah 66:10-14](#) • [Psalm 66:1-9](#) • [Galatians 6:\(1-6\), 7-16](#) • [Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

SELF Smart - D2

SELF Smart or Intrapersonal Intelligence is about self awareness, “temet nosce,” know thyself. It’s about recognizing and drawing from your emotional state, your personality strengths and weaknesses, your intuition and triggers. The SELF Smart person has a rich internal life, and SELF Smart activities lead people to deeper reflection on their needs, desires, and motivations.

In the Church, we don’t always set aside time for SELF Smart awareness in reality, although we talk a good game. Prayer and meditation and contemplation are the traditional expressions. The monastic orders are built around equal parts of SELF Smart like this and PEOPLE Smart community building. In the modern parish (in my experience), we often speak of the need for these practices, but we don’t often provide the time or resources for people to learn them.

In preaching, and for our purposes, illustrations and SFX that help people turn inward for a bit to see what’s going on inside themselves need to be accompanied by time and silence. Again, this can be awkward for those who are not used to it. Jesus himself spent time alone in prayer regularly and expected it of his disciples, so we have good reason to be intentional about it.

Text: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ 12 I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

Woes to Unrepentant Cities

13 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum,

will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The Return of the Seventy

17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”

18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
SELF		<p>This is a sort of David v. Goliath story, which we often see played out in sports movies or outnumbered army movies. There is often a stirring motivational speech by the coach or commanding officer about reaching down deep to find the strength and determination to face the challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Remember the Titans</i> • <i>Independence Day</i> • <i>Hoosiers</i> • <i>LOTR: ROTK</i> • <i>Rocky (pick a number)</i> • <i>Zulu!</i> • <i>Miracle (on Ice)</i> • <i>Stripes</i> • <i>Braveheart</i> 	<p>Ask people to think about a time when they felt like lambs sent into the midst of wolves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you think about the one sending you? • Did you feel anxious? Fearful? Confident? Defiant? Something else? All of the above? • How did you grow emotionally or spiritually from the experience?

Text: Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. 5 For all must carry their own loads.

6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Final Admonitions and Benediction

11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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SELF		<p>Vss. 12-13 – Paul is accusing the circumcision party of trying to collect trophies or notches in their belts. While this idiom sometimes indicates a significant achievement, it is often seen as meaning taking advantage of someone else for one's own gain, which is looked on with disdain.</p> <p><i>Examples of "notchers"...</i></p> <p>What do you think motivates someone to be a notcher?</p>	<p>Vs. 9 - Can you imagine yourself in a situation where you wouldn't grow weary? That is, you might get tired physically but not be ready to give up. How about not growing weary in doing what is right? Is that any different?</p> <p>Which is more motivating for you, doing something for the good of others or something for your own good?</p>

		<p>Here are some articles on that question:</p> <p>Social Motivation: Costs and Benefits of Selfishness and Otherishness - scientific</p> <p>Causes of selfishness and how to deal with a selfish person - bloggish</p> <p>Is there an essentially selfish motive behind every human behavior? - quora discussion</p> <p>Also, Martin Buber's <i>I and Thou</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wikipedia• SparkNotes• Brain Pickings (Summary article)	
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Text: Psalm 66:1-9

1 **Make a joyful noise** to God, all the earth;
2 **sing the glory** of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
3 **Say to God**, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, **your enemies cringe before you**.
4 All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name." Selah

5 **Come and see** what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
6 He **turned the sea into dry land**;
they passed **through the river on foot**.
There **we rejoiced** in him,
7 who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

8 Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
9 who has kept us among the living,
and **has not let our feet slip**.

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SELF			Take some time to make a list of the reasons you have for praising God, both for who God is and for what God has done. Try to be aware of your emotional reaction as you make the list. Does it bring joy? Awe? Fear? Resentment? Boredom? What's going on in you when you consider the works of the Lord? Try to trace the roots of those feelings to a source, especially if they are at all negative. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you and protect you in this work.

Text: Isaiah 66:10-14

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—

11 that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

12 For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

13 As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

The Reign and Indignation of God

14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

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SELF	Pretty bold imagery of abundance and new life for a city that has been destroyed and left derelict for 70 years.	Describe, as Isaiah has done but maybe with more tenderness and less ... flash?, the deep, intense connection between a mother and nursing child. This would be maybe in that window after the postpartum shock and letdown and before "I'm really ready for this child to be weaned." Maybe like 4-5 months. You have a routine down, the child is able to sit up and laugh and is really taking things in. Maybe I'm	

		<p>romanticising my memories as a father, but that seemed like a sweet spot.</p> <p>Our son was born within a year of my mother's death to cancer and my wife's grandfather's death. It made for an odd comingling of emotions, of grief and joy, sorrow and hope. I think we gained a certain perspective of the balance of life and death in the hands of God. That balance, which tilts toward life, is what Isaiah is offering to a people facing their ruined city.</p>	
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