

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: *Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7* • Psalm 112 • Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • Luke 14:1, 7-14

SELF Smart - MWD

This person likes to be alone, have time to think things through, and reflect. This learner learns best by reflecting and making connections to self. When asking questions or having discussion, make sure pauses and silence are used in order to allow these people the time to process their thoughts. Ask those who are always the first to answer to try to wait a few moments before jumping with a raised hand. Self-reflective exercises of prayer, meditation, silent imagination benefit these learners.

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Text: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, **they were watching him closely**.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in **disgrace** you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be **honored** in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And **you will be blessed**, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
SELF	My first thought was that Jesus not only knew he was being	Vs 1 - being closely watched has psychological effects POV will air a film called The Feeling of Being Watched on October 14,	← Ask people to remember a time when they knew they were

	<p>watched, but he used this to his advantage to set up some teaching. I do wonder though, if being under the microscope might not have worn on his nerves a bit.</p> <p>Bill Loader's commentary, especially this section regarding verses 12 - 14: "...People who claim to be acting in love without any self interest are frequently in a state of denial, so much so at times that they fail to recognise to control their self interest - to their own harm and that of others. The gospel is not an appeal to abandon self love, but to believe in being loved and loving and to engage in it fully in all directions, including towards ourselves..."</p>	<p>2019. The experiences of Arab American people in Chicago are chronicled by journalist Assia Boundaoui. Here is a teaser to the show which aired last spring at the Tribeca Film Festival.</p> <p>Vs. 7-11 disgrace (shame) and honor was important in this culture but it was as much about what you did that reflected on your family, as on your own person.</p> <p>Andy Nasselli blogs at his blog "Thoughts on Theology" and refers to three books dealing with the shame/honor culture of this era. Two of the books cover Paul's understanding and reinterpretation, but the third one is a fictionalized exchange of letters between Luke and Antipas, a nobleman.</p>	<p>being observed. Was it at a concert where they performed with a choir or a musical ensemble? Was it at a birthday party when everyone was singing to you? Was it when you walked into a new place where no one knew you? Was it when you had misbehaved and were grounded or put in time out?</p> <p>⇐ Have you ever needed to make a decision about how to proceed with an action that may bring difficulty if not outright hardship on your family and friends? Have you ever made a decision that bled over into perceptions of them after you've acted? How did you feel and if you had not yet acted, what did you do?</p> <p>← Declare different sections of seating in your worship space to be of different (arbitrary) value. Ask people sitting in each section to spend some time digesting what their sitting spot suggests about them, based on this utterly meaningless assessment. THEN, ask them what their <i>usual</i> sitting arrangement suggests to them. WHY do they sit where they do? What would it mean to sit somewhere else?</p>
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Text: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have **entertained angels** without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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SELF	The author of Hebrews is asking his readers to put themselves in concrete situations of living the commandments, particularly #6 (verse 4) and #10 (verses 5-6).	<p>Vs. 2 - this is an allusion to Abraham and Sarah feeding three strangers</p> <p>This sermon by Philip McLarty has an interesting story about hospitality to strangers.</p> <p>He had been working at a mission in Wichita Falls and two very hungry men came looking for food. As they were fed, one of them told a story about hospitality with a familiar punchline. After the men ate, they left and it then occurred to McLarty that their appearance and interaction had been - unusually meaningful.</p> <p>He has two other stories about strangers and how we treat them.</p>	<p>Vs 2 - entertaining angels or showing hospitality which is "love of <i>philo</i> strangers <i>xenia</i>" or the exact opposite of xenophobia.</p> <p>Encourage your folks at some point this week to observe strangers on their commute, at work, at school, or at the store and consider that person to be as dearly loved as your spouse, children, parents, friends, etc. How would you demonstrate that to them? Buy them a cup of coffee? Offer them a place in line in front of you? Strike up a conversation? Smile?</p> <p>Here is a google search for ways to be a prison pen pal.</p>

Text: Psalm 112

1 Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

6 **For the righteous will never be moved**; they will be remembered forever.

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

10 The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

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SELF		<p>Vs. 6 - never be moved = in <u>not be shaken</u></p> <p>Images = snow boots, ice picks, sand on ice, snow tires, low heeled shoes, walking shoes, etc. Surfaces that are secure, footwear that is comfortable and comforting. Anything that will allow you to stay standing or at least not fall over. A walker a cane crutches</p>	<p>⇨ bring in some of these items (EYE smart) and talk about how using them gives a person more confidence moving about (BODY smart) in less than great weather conditions (NATURE) or when you need a bit of a back up.</p> <p>Now, translate that feeling of greater confidence and security to your faith in God. Does it match up? Why or why not?</p>

Text: Sirach 10:12-18

12 The beginning of human pride is **to forsake the Lord**; the **heart has withdrawn** from its Maker. 13 For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. 14 The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. 15 The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. 16 The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. 17 He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. 18 Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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SELF	<p>Vs 14 & 15 = connection to the Gospel passage</p> <p>Vs 16 = connection to Psalm vs 6</p>	<p>Commentary at Catholic Culture says:</p> <p>"The beginning of pride is sin. Really there are two kinds of pride: brand name, and generic we might call them. Generic pride is implied in every sin: the sinner in effect says: <i>God may know what is good in some things, but in this thing, I know better. He says it is bad; I know it is good.</i> Brand name pride, that which is explicit, is what Sirach speaks specially about."</p>	<p>← Think of a time when you knew you knew best - and then it turned out you didn't. Maybe it was doing a task, or how to bake, or how to get from one place to the next. What did it feel like when you discovered you - in fact - did NOT know what to do? What happened next? How did you respond to this new information that you were, in fact, wrong?</p> <p>Sirach suggests that this happens when we forsake the Lord. The other three passages are full of examples of how not to do that (Hebrews and Psalm 112) and how to remain faithful (Luke).</p> <p>Soul Shepherding has a list of spiritual disciplines for reconnecting with God.</p> <p>Church Leaders has 12 disciplines.</p>

Text: Proverbs 25:6-7

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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SELF		See Jesus' parable!!	