

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AAdv2x2019

Text: Romans 15:4-13

4 For **whatever was written in former days** was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to **live in harmony with one another**, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may **with one voice** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 **Welcome one another**, therefore, **just as Christ has welcomed you**, for the glory of God. 8 For **I tell you** that Christ has become a servant of **the circumcised** on behalf of the truth of God in order **that he might confirm the promises given** to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the **Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy**. **As it is written**, “Therefore **I will confess you among the Gentiles**, and **sing praises to your name**”; 10 and again he says, “**Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people**”; 11 and again, “Praise the Lord, **all you Gentiles**, and let **all the peoples** praise him”; 12 and again Isaiah says, “The **root** of Jesse shall come, the one who rises **to rule the Gentiles**; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

13 May the God of hope **fill you** with **all joy and peace in believing**, so that you may **abound in hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word - I, Eye - S, Body - B, People - I, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic D2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Verse 9 = 2 Samuel 22:50 or Psalm 18:49 (LXX Psalm 17:50; the verses are almost identical in Greek)•Verse 10 = Deuteronomy 32:43•Verse 11 = Psalm 117:1 (LXX Psalm 116:1)•Verse 12 = Isaiah 11:10 ~ Orrey McFarland, Working Preacher	<p>Vs. 4 - whatever was written in former days....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Declaration of Independence• The Constitution of the United States of America• The Bill of Rights <p>Of course, this is tricky to present in a church setting, so take caution not to lose your tax exempt status!</p> <p>See also: Magna Carta, the Scottish Covenant,</p>	

		Emancipation Proclamation, 19th Amendment, 13th Amendment, etc. See Our Documents for notable American docs.	
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD			Building on the SELF smart illustration/sfx below, have puzzle pieces on hand to give out. Here's an experiment in 3-D perception and parallax in vision. Each of your eyes sees the world just a bit differently, and it is hard to line things up sometimes. So it is, perhaps, with different groups, like the Jews and the Gentiles in the passage.
Math - Logical/Mathematical			Venn diagram again? Jews on one side, Gentiles on the other. The promises to the ancestors encircles the Jews. The Messiah encircles both.
Body - Kinesthetic D2	In earlier verses, Paul encourages the strong to support the weak and while that is not explicit in these verses, the idea carries over into the concept of harmony and unity.	Like “strong” singers often carry the “weaker” ones, we also often have stronger people help weaker ones. Think of the training that firefighters and other emergency personnel go through to be physically able to assist people and bring them out of dangerous situations.	There is an old youth ministry game where you set up a string or a bar or a barrier at some height that you can't just step over. The youth have to figure out how to get everyone over the barrier, working together.
Musical	“Perhaps the musical imagery of the epistle can help us with the grammar of the Advent gospel. Singing is hard work. Singing is perfect freedom. Singing is, therefore, a good analog of the gospel, which is	Servant Song - Richard Gillard When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth - Brian Wren	If your congregation doesn't already know <i>Servant Song</i> , this may be a good time to teach it!

	<p>always a free, freeing gift and yet also a claiming, obliging command.”</p> <p>~ D. Brent Laytham, Christian Century</p>		
Natural			
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>“What does a Jesus-like body of Christ look like here on earth?</p> <p>It looks like people whom the world would separate into different tribes rejecting those boundaries, gathering under the same roof, and mixing the voices that the world would keep separate in songs of praise to God. We show that we live in harmony by singing in harmony.</p> <p>And that can only be done when we are sitting in the same room.”</p> <p>~ J.R. Daniel Kirk, Working Preacher</p>	<p>Vs 5 - live in harmony</p> <p>Of course I thought of a choir - which literally lives in harmony when everyone is on their proper notes, that is!</p> <p>Other groups that live in harmony - sports teams (the current World Series champs the Nationals had a great vibe according to many reports and fans.)</p> <p>Military units need to be harmonious for survival</p> <p>Classrooms that are all attentive and working on a common project - this may be more a wish than a realized thing, though....</p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>“Unity according to Christ also means that differences are not erased. Members do not have to conform to one particular pattern of behavior, but they do have to realize that the essential and defining character of their identity is now Christ.”</p> <p>~ Valerie Nicolet-Anderson, Working Preacher</p>	<p>Jigsaw puzzles have pieces with distinct shapes that are meant to fit together into a whole. Each individual in the congregation is like one of those pieces. Hand out pieces of a puzzle (that you don’t want back!) to everyone and allow them to consider the questions over there →</p>	<p>Vs 7 = What would it look like when Christ welcomes you? Imagine the setting, what’s going on, how Jesus welcomes you. Big smile and hug? Arm around the shoulders? Opportunity to sit and breathe?</p> <p>How then do you pay that forward? Who have you welcomed and how?</p>