



FRIENDSHIP INDEX: A SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

Heart

When have you participated in a live musical worship experience led by people from a different culture, socioeconomic group, or language? *

- Within the last 6 months in the US
 - Within the last 2 years in the US
 - I've never participated in live worship led by people outside of my own culture, income bracket, or language
 - Within the last year, but not in the US
 - Other
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Have you, at some point in your life, had an important mentor figure? *

- No, I've never had an important mentor figure.
 - Yes; they lived on a lower income than I did, and were racially different than me.
 - Yes; we were from the same racial background, but they lived on a lower income than I did.
 - Yes. They were from a similar racial or socioeconomic background to me.
 - Yes; we were from the a similar income level, but they were racially different from me.
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Think about the last 5 Psalms or Scripture passages you've read, prayed, or sung. What genre might these have been? *

- I'm honestly not sure this matters for how I relate to others.
 - Some praise, promises, or exhortation and some lament or prophetic correction
 - Mostly lament/prophetic correction with some praise/promise/exhortation
 - Mostly praise/promise/exhortation (or thanksgiving)
 - Other (narrative, etc.)
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When you read Old Testament passages commanding care for the poor, foreigners, the sick, or oppressed, how do you interpret these? *

- I'm not sure how to determine which OT laws are ceremonial/cultural and which ones still apply.
- The OT Law has been fulfilled, so these commands don't apply any longer.
- I seek to follow these OT laws and apply them, repenting and seeking God's forgiveness when I fail.
- I know these OT laws are referring to God's vision for a just society, but I'm not sure how best to live them out in today's culture.

Hospitality

Have you ever been to a potluck dinner with people who live near or below the poverty line? *

- Yes, we enjoyed our fellowship together!
 - No, I've never done this before.
 - Yes, we enjoyed our fellowship and the dishes they brought were delicious!
 - Maybe, I'm not sure what their income level was, though.
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In the past year, how many times have you eaten a meal in the home of someone living on a lower income than you (not counting family members)? *

- Twice
 - Once
 - Three or more
 - I haven't this year.
 - I'm not sure of the income level of my hosts.
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Suppose you had a child in 2nd grade. If her classmate invited her to a birthday party at a city park in a neighborhood on the low-income side of town, what would you do? *

- Take your child to the party, keeping one eye on your car and the other on her the whole time
 - My child doesn't (or isn't likely to) have any friends who would invite her to a party in a place like that
 - Find an excuse not to go since you would not be comfortable in that environment
 - Go to the party, enjoy some cake, and get to know the other adults there
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You are baking a cake, and realize you need 3 eggs. No one on your street is home except a neighbor who lives on a much lower income than you. What do you do? *

- Drive 5 minutes to the closest convenience store for overpriced eggs
 - Ask your neighbor if you can have 3 eggs and offer to share some cake with her when you're done
 - Explain the situation to your neighbor and ask if she'd give you the 3 eggs
 - Ask your neighbor to borrow the 3 eggs, and offer to pay for or replace them
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Space

Have you ever known someone who lost a job when they lost access to their source of transportation? *

- Not that I can think of
 - I have known one or two people who experienced this
 - Yes, it happens fairly regularly with people I know
 - I think I did hear of someone in my community that that happened to
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How many check cashing or payday lending stores do you pass on your route between home and church? *

- One or two
 - I'm not sure
 - Three or more
 - None
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How many language or cultural groups are represented within a 2-mile radius of where you live? *

- I'm not sure
 - Overwhelmingly from one dominant group
 - Two to Four
 - Five or More
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Say you are asked to participate in a church service project in a low-income community. What is your initial response? *

- Look forward to meeting and serving different kinds brothers and sisters
 - Look for a different type of service opportunity
 - Consider how you might fit this project into your busy schedule
 - Avoid the commitment
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Church

Someone answers their cell phone during the church service. A minute later, their kids cry and drop the car keys loudly. The people around them in church will most likely feel: *

- Frustrated and distracted
 - Like that's a normal part of life
 - Curious or compassionate
 - Mildly annoyed
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If a visitor came to your church and kept up a verbal commentary during the sermon - either to the pastor or the people nearby - the people in your church will most likely: *

- Think it was funny or intriguing
 - Be very distracted and find it hard to concentrate
 - Be mildly irritated
 - Join in
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Suppose you were nearly at church one Sunday morning when you discover your shirt/blouse has a huge hole. The only thing you have in the car is a wrinkled T-shirt in a gym bag. Would you: *

- Return home and watch the service live-streamed online
 - Feel a little embarrassed, but wear the T-shirt anyway
 - Go home to change clothes so as not to stick out like a sore thumb, even though it means missing half of the service
 - Rejoice that the T-shirt is there and put it on because nobody at church will bat an eye
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How often has a sermon or devotional made you significantly uncomfortable with the status quo of your life or church? *

- Nearly every week
 - Occasionally
 - Frequently
 - Almost never
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Money

Think about the people you've hired over the past year - whether in a formal work environment, or for odd jobs around your house. How many of them live on a low-income? *

- At least one of them lives on a low income
 - All of them were from low-income backgrounds
 - I've hired people, but they were all more or less middle class
 - I haven't hired anyone at all.
 - I don't know.
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Say a small restaurant opened down the street from your house. Imagine it's operated by someone of a different culture, race, or socioeconomic group from you. You've heard the food is good, but the service is unorganized. What is your most likely response when visiting? *

- Frequent the restaurant often and work to build a relationship with the owner and staff, offering feedback occasionally
 - Wait a minute to be seated, but go somewhere else if things get too unpredictable
 - Plan to come back sometime, telling your friends in order to support the place
 - Politely try eating there once, but are not likely to come back if things aren't great
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Suppose you meet someone at a transitional housing shelter where your church volunteers a couple of times a year. This person tells you he needs a job and is willing to do just about anything. At the same time, you have a friend who owns a coffee shop and is always worried about staff turnover in the kitchen. Would you: *

- Desire to tell the man to inquire at your friend's coffee shop, but think better of it because you don't really know him.
 - Call your friend from the shelter and ask if he currently needs part-time help.
 - Tell the man about the shop and make a mental note to see if your friend has any openings.
 - Avoid connecting these two people as too much risk is involved for both of them.
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Say you're out with a group of friends and one brings up his struggle with money, wages, or salary numbers. He seems like he's looking for advice and empathy. What is your most likely response? *

- Open up about details of your own financial mistakes and successes, and offer to connect him to another friend who could provide expert advice
 - Join him in empathizing about how tough the times are (whether you're really struggling or not)
 - Share a few of your personal financial mistakes and successes, withholding only specific numbers
 - Share some general wisdom, but shy away from talking about specifics of salary or costs of your assets
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