

Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom

Journaling Prompts

Session 1

- What is a way that your faith community forms your moral witness?
- What is a way that scripture forms your moral witness?
- What change will you seek to integrate into your life so that you are living out your moral witness?

Session 2

- What are your obstacles to empathy?
- What anxious thoughts prevent you from being fully present with others?
- Why is it important to take time to be present with your neighbor before rushing to provide answers, goods, or services?

Session 3

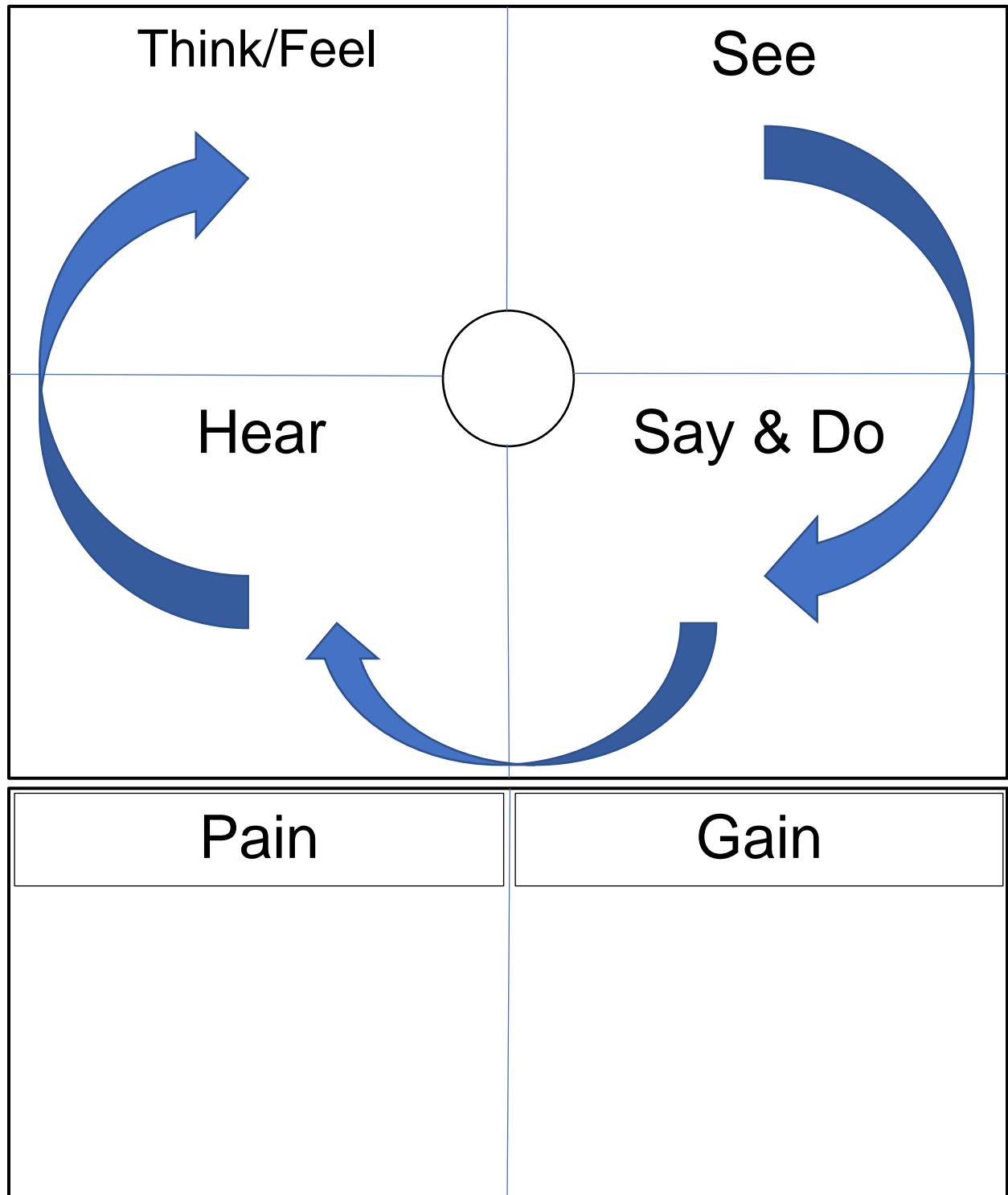
- When have you witnessed injustice? What did that feel like in your body? What emotions did you experience?
- In what areas of injustice have you struggled to bear witness? What would it look like for you to choose to lean in and bear witness?
- Recall a time when someone witnessed a pain, struggle, or injustice you experienced. What was that experience like? Did someone bearing witness to you and your situation help you? How did it feel?

Session 4

Dear Church,

Write a letter to the church as if you are an apostle, calling your church community into greater engagement as a moral witness. Address the barriers that might prevent your church from engaging, as well as the strengths within yourself and your community that you may draw upon as you do this work of active, intentional participation. Invite your siblings in Christ to the specific work of repentance and reorientation. Cast a vision for what might be possible and/or result from the hard-but-necessary work you are calling them into.

Empathy Map



Empathy Chart

Story or Event	Actions	Witness
Exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt (Exodus 1-15)	Plagues, escape	God bears witness to the suffering. “Let my people go.” Miriam’s song
Civil Rights Struggles, 1960s		
Civil Rights Struggles, 2020		
Jesus Blesses Little Children (Matthew 19:13-15)		
#MeToo		
Struggle for Marriage Equality (2015) and LGBTQ Protections (2020)		