

# Christ and Culture Listening Lab

As one of the requirements for this course, you are asked to take some time getting to know the people in your small group outside of class time. You'll need to set aside about 90 minutes for this exercise. The three primary objectives for this lab experience are as follows:

1. To get to know the people in your small group a little better in a setting outside of the classroom. (Your written report should show evidence of your careful listening to your group members and your having learned some of the basic details about them from your time together.)
2. To discover some things you have in common with the people in your small group that you likely otherwise wouldn't have known. (Your written report should reveal something about these commonalities.)
3. To share with your group one story from your life about a loss, hardship, or difficult challenge that has shaped who you are as a person. (Your written report should offer your reflections on why you chose this story to share and what it was like to share it with your group and be listened to by them.)

In order to facilitate meeting these objectives, you should do the following:

1. Arrange for a time to meet together for a minimum of 90 minutes. This can be on campus while socially distanced, you can meet somewhere else locally and perhaps even go for a walk outside together while you talk, or as a last resort, you can arrange a Zoom meeting together. All group members need to be present.
2. Consider having three rounds of conversation/sharing, each one being a bit more potentially revealing of who you are. First, introduce yourself by telling some of the basic biographical details of your life: Where you have lived, some of the details of your family life, what artistic or athletic endeavors you have been involved in, how you came to Milligan, etc. Second, share something about some of the things you like: food, music, Netflix series, hobbies, etc. Finally, tell a story about a time in your life when you had to deal with a serious loss, hardship, or challenge and how you think that has shaped you as a person.
3. Feel free to ask each other questions during or after each round, whatever feels most natural.

On the assigned due date, **each person in your small group** is expected to turn in through Canvas a 2-3 page (double-spaced) report on your listening lab. In that report, you should address in detail each of the three objectives listed above.