

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 10x2016

Text: Galatians 1:11-24

Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship

11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was **proclaimed** by me is **not of human origin**; 12 for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a **revelation** of Jesus Christ.

13 **You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism.** I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. 14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for **I was far more zealous** for the traditions of my ancestors. 15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, **was pleased 16 to reveal his Son to me**, so that I might **proclaim** him among the Gentiles, **I did not confer with any human being**, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

18 Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; 19 but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. 20 In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, 22 and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; 23 they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God because of me.

Eye - I/S, Math - I, Music - S, People - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Not of human origin - if it were, he'd probably still be behaving like a jerk.		
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Revelation - uncovering God was "pleased" to reveal Jesus to Paul. "Paul was in fact converted. But he was not converted from Judaism or from "Pharisaism" or even	Walking into a dark room and barking your shin on a coffee table. Turn on the lights to be able to see. Driving down a dark road without headlights. The sun suddenly coming out from behind a cloud.	Unveil something -- almost anything really -- a cross, a picture, one of those plasma balls -- to demonstrate the sudden revelation Might be a good time for maps again - Galatia,

	<p>from that zeal of which he was so proud, but from one particular expression of that zeal, namely violence and the violent persecution of those he saw as enemies of God.”</p> <p>Grieb, A. Katherine, "The One Who Called You... 'Vocation and Leadership in the Pauline Literature," Interpretation, 2005.</p>	A flash of inspiration.	Jerusalem, Arabia, Damascus, Syria, Cilicia
Math - Logical/Mathematical		<p>Loder's logic of convictional knowing</p> <p>An Epistemology of Convictional Experience: The Transforming Moment (1971-1981)</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic			
Musical			<p>“The Summons” - John Bell performed</p> <p>“All for Jesus” - W.J. Sparrow-Simpson performed</p>
Natural			
People - Interpersonal	<p>Vs. 13 ff - frank history of Paul's relationship to the way of Jesus</p> <p>Paul perceives the Galatians are on the edge of apostasy - approaching a wilderness of faith</p>	<p>Owning up to one's past...</p> <p>The use of prayers of confession in worship - personal and corporate opportunity to state where one had gone off the rails, ask forgiveness, and move on.</p>	<p>Invite your congregation to talk amongst themselves about confession - when is it appropriate? When is it difficult? Is it necessary? Why or why not? What difference does it make for individuals and groups?</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>God revealed Jesus to Paul - from before he was born.</p> <p>His moment of transformation was</p>	<p>*Trying to make a square peg fit in a round hole vis one person's story “fitting” on another. You wouldn't expect Saul the Persecutor to fit in the</p>	<p>Pound a square peg into a round hole!</p> <p>Perfection! Keep trying</p>

	<p>appropriate - for him.</p> <p>“Few of us are called to divine service as Paul was called, but we are called to place ourselves in the center of God's will. When we submit ourselves to the will of God we then find ourselves equipped for service - God enables us to do what he intends.”</p> <p>Bryan Findlayson</p>	<p>slot marked Apostle of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Own personal call story is appropriate here! How did God “fit” you for service?</p>	<p>Invite people to write a personal prayer of confession -- give them a template: Lord, you know that once I ... And then, You ... and so now, I ...</p>
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