

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 32x2016

**Text:** Luke 20:27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a question, “Teacher, **Moses wrote for us** that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the **man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother**. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 **In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be?** For the seven had married her.” 34 Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35 but **those who are considered worthy of a place in that age** and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed **they cannot die anymore**, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for **to him all of them are alive.**”

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} Math      {D2} Math

Word - I, Eye - I/SFX, Math - I/SFX, Body - I, Nature - I, People - I, Self - I/SFX

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	death = separation from God	“From Blossoms” Li-Young Lee	
Eye - Visual/Spatial	God is the God of the living; resurrection life is qualitatively different from life as we know it. Jim.	When the Wizard of Oz changes from b&w to technicolor - we are living in a type of B&W existence in this life; the resurrected life of the kingdom to come is technicolor and HD and 3D and even more	Set up an old B&W TV and an HDTV showing the same program. Or different ones. It doesn’t matter. The point is the difference in image and perception.
Math - Logical/Mathematical		Thinking outside the box. The Sadducees are constrained by their worldview and can’t consider an answer that lies outside it.	Present the congregation with a riddle (verbal or visual). Let them stew on it a bit. Decide beforehand if you will reveal the answer during the sermon or not.

		<p>See James E. Loder's logic of transformation in <i>The Transforming Moment</i>.</p> <p>The difference between Newtonian physics and Einsteinian physics or quantum physics. Newton fits our logic of observation. Relativity and quantum are entirely counter-intuitive.</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic		<p>Story of a pastor presiding at the table, and seeing the joy in the eyes of the people as they received the elements (Shannon Schaefer, <i>To Sweet Impossible Blossom</i>, Ekklesia Project)</p>	
Musical			
Natural		<p>Caterpillars discussing the absurd notion of flight from flower to flower.</p>	
People - Interpersonal	<p>discipleship has a joyful duty</p>	<p>It's time to make the donuts. ~Dunkin' Donut guy</p> <p>soldier/police officer/security guard on duty</p> <p>person on the clock at work</p> <p>people making choices about how to interact with others - no external clock to govern their behavior but definitely an expectation that their choices have consequences</p>	

		<p>Peter C. Bower in <i>Handbook for the Revised Common Lectionary</i> (© 1996 Westminster John Knox Press) says:          “Some Sadducees try to discredit Jesus and expose resurrection as an absurdity. So they ask <b>a soap opera</b> of trick questions about to whom we will be married when resurrected (our myopic questions too?).”  <i>- emphasis added - D2</i></p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>life in Christ is your real life - it's where we discover who we really are</p>	<p>The logic and expectations of 5-year-olds, who think they will grow up to marry their parent.</p> <p>Paul Tillich, death isn't a moment but a process we are living every day. If this is true, then resurrection life is what we are living into and maybe this life is lived to catch glimpses of it so we will be prepared for it when it comes.</p>	<p>How are you limiting what God can do in your life through your limited theology?</p>