

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

1 And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as **people of the flesh, as infants in Christ**. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for **you were not ready for solid food**. Even now you are still not ready, 3 for **you are still of the flesh**. For as long as there is **jealousy and quarreling among you**, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? 4 For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," **are you not merely human?**

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? **Servants** through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 **I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth**. 7 **So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth**. 8 **The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose**, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. 9 For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Body - I/S, Nature - I/S, People - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Planted and watered are in the aorist tense. They are DONE. Gave the growth uses the imperfect which shows ongoing activity. The verb tenses are theological choices. Also <i>diakonos</i> means slave, but in service and not servility. There is dignity attached to this role.	Look at the verbs used in your congregation's purpose or mission statement. What theological choice do they represent? Who is doing the one off action and who has responsibility for continual activity? Service - wait staff, flight attendants, nurses, teachers, pastors, chaplains, soldiers, law enforcement officers, fire-fighters, volunteers - all serve others.	Using Paul's imagery of the Corinthian congregation as a field or a building, what words would define the activity you and your congregation would do? What words would define God's action? The next time you go out to eat and you are greeted by someone saying, "I'll be your server" think of that person as Paul the Apostle. Tip accordingly.
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math -			

Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	<p>Flesh - not necessarily skin or meat on the bones but “the basic, standard, normal, and agreed upon ways that human society functions, the accepted ways of defining and pursuing the good life.” ~Brian Peterson, Working Preacher</p>	<p>Flesh to Paul is the body of life as we live it. It may include actual bodies, but is more the attitude or ethical motivation for getting out of bed and living.</p> <p>What is your “flesh”? How does your actual body reflect it?</p>	<p>Vss. 1-2 Have three dinner options for display: a baby bottle of formula; a jar of baby food with the little spoon to go with; a plate with a burger and fries, or some other entree and sides. Talk about the nutritional complexity of each and the necessity for a mature digestive tract to deal with the increasing complexity of the food. (see also Eye)</p>
Musical			
Natural		<p>Vss. 5-9 As winter begins to give way to spring, some people will be starting to think about their gardens. Invite such a one to talk about the preparations needed for a successful garden and the different tasks of preparing the soil, choosing and planting seeds or seedlings, and ongoing maintenance of watering and weeding. Which task is more important, planting or watering?</p>	<p>Does your church have flower beds? Who tends them? If they are available, plan out a season of flowers and keep track of how they grow over the summer/fall. Use them as flowers for the sanctuary or fellowship hall. If you really want to get green thumby, have a chart that maps out the necessary steps David listed over there ←.</p> <p>Do you have a place you could grow veggies? Do the same thing and use the produce!</p>
People - Interpersonal		<p>Vs. 4 - When Paul says “are you not merely human?” to a particularly competitive people, it might be a spark for them to aspire to that greater humanity-in-Christ that Paul hopes they will achieve. Show a goal to a Type A person, and it can become irresistible.</p>	<p>“Belonging” to a faction that has had great significance in the life of our church can define us long past the life of the faction. What history does your church have that is keeping your members from growing into Christ? Are we a “cross shaped people”? <i>J.R. Daniel Kirk, Working</i></p>

			<p><i>Preacher</i></p> <p>This could be a landmine; choose this exercise with eyes wide open.</p> <p>Galen's story about the church minutes.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>Frederick Buechner - all theology is at heart autobiography - it is the story of how God has entered our lives and how we have responded to it.</p>	<p>Taking Buechner's observation to heart; what is your autobiography co-authored by God? How do you tell the story?</p>	<p>Vs. 1-2 What sort of diet are you using for your faith development? Are you taking spiritual milk, baby food, or meat and potatoes?</p> <p>What spiritual food sensitivities do you have?</p>