More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 17:1-9

1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	A voice - listen to him.		
Eye - Visual/Spatial		Vs. 2 - Have you seen the commercials where some poor young woman with dazzling white teeth is deleting photos of herself because her teeth are yellow? That and similar commercials for a tooth whitening product suggest the "tissue test" to see if your teeth are as white as they should be. Because comparing naturally ivory colored things to bleached paper makes perfect sense. How dazzling would Jesus	Transfiguration Invite the congregation to express the mystery of the transfiguration in art - drawing, painting, sculpture, craft, etc. Provide materials and space, either during or after the service for this. Have some examples on display.

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

		have to become before we would notice or not think, "yeah, but does he pass the tissue test?"	
Math - Logical/Mathematical	V. 4 - In Mark and Luke, Peter gets an excuse for saying this, that he was terrified or just didn't know what to say or do. Matthew just leaves it hanging there, like maybe it does make sense. Does it? Both Moses and Elijah spent a long time on the mountain.	This was more than just a paradigm shifting moment, but it was that. In Dr. James Loder's logic of transformation, this would be a significant moment of conflict tearing at the world perceived and maintained by the self, as the Holy breaks in, challenging the established norms that the self tries to maintain. The self has no choice but to try to find a new way to understand reality when the old paradigm stops making sense.	
Body - Kinesthetic		Consider what happens to your body when unexpected things happen: pupils dilate, pulse increases, adrenaline starts to flow, vision can constrict, perspiration increases. You know the feeling. When was the last time your relationship with Christ got you in <u>fight or</u> <u>flight</u> mode?	
Musical		Perhaps an event like the Transfiguration can best be processed with art and poetry. <u>Sonnet: Transfiguration -</u> <u>Malcolm Guite</u> <u>The Transfiguration -</u> <u>Edwin Muir</u> <u>Various poems</u>	Invite the congregation to attempt their own poetry for the Transfiguration (or some other transformative event in their life with Christ) Provide some forms: Haiku, sonnet, limerick, etc.
Natural		Vs. 5 - Consider different	← Include pictures of

		types of clouds: cumulus, nimbostratus, cirrus, stratocumulus, cumulonimbus, etc. What sort of cloud brings rain? What sort foretells cold weather? What sort of cloud makes people glow and talks to you?	various clouds If you have clear windows in your worship space, identify the clouds in your sky.
People - Interpersonal	Moses and Elijah The Law and the Prophets	Matthew frequently points out Jesus' role as the "new Moses" and as the fulfillment of prophecy. This story is a home run for him - BOTH Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus and all seem to be in an easy conversation. For people who have a deep history, this event is a singular gem - one of a kind and priceless.	Present the story as a readers theatre.
Self - Intrapersonal			