

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: John 20:19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vs 19 & 21 Peace = shalom (see People)		
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Vs 20 - showing his hands and sides	Seeing is believing! Only not always; sometimes we still refuse to accept evidence even when we see it. Jesus is going for another meaning here: ‘Please don’t think I have left all that (pain and suffering) behind!’ Bill Loader - re: marks “... this way of love and brokenness is the way, the truth and the life which leads us to God and reveals what God is also like.”	Optical illusions Scars from wounds See also Body
Math - Logical/Mathematical MWD	Vs. 23 - see Mark 2:7 , Luke 5:21 “Who can forgive sins but God alone?”	John continues to build equivalence between Jesus and the believer. Who can forgive sins but God? Apparently, those who receive the Holy Spirit can!	Create a Venn diagram of who can forgive sins
Body - Kinesthetic	Vs. 22 - he breathed on	As in Genesis when God	The importance of

<p>D2</p>	<p>them</p>	<p>formed humanity out of the clay and breathed on the form to bring it to human life, Jesus does the same here.</p> <p>Spiritual CPR, if you will.</p> <p>From GenOn LOGOS, we sometimes say the worship is to the body of Christ what breathing is to the human body. Explore that analogy - intake of life-giving oxygen, expelling toxins, etc.</p> <p>Then, how does your congregation's worship give life to the body of Christ?</p>	<p>breathing for the human body.</p> <p>The importance of God's Breath on the Body of Christ.</p> <p>Invite folks who can safely do so to hold their breath for as long as they can, or to expel as much air from their lungs as they can and not inhale. It doesn't take too long before it is distressing!</p> <p>As we remember to appreciate our physical breath, how can we remember Jesus' breath of the Holy Spirit upon us?</p>
<p>Musical</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>I don't think this song is particularly sacred, but I always hear pleas to the Spirit when I listen to it.</p> <p>Evanescence "Bring Me to Life"</p>	
<p>Natural</p>			
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vs 19 & 21 Peace be with you re: passing the peace in worship</p> <p>Vs. 23 - sins The New Community is to be characterized by the forgiveness of sins. Conversely, if sins are not forgiven, they are "retained" within the community, which is potentially very dangerous, and may threaten the vitality of the community. John Petty, Progressive</p>	<p>"The magnitude of this exchange is mind blowing if we stop for just a second and think about it. We are practicing within the crucible of worship what we are to be doing out in the world, every day, offering, extending, living in ways that further and foster shalom, the saving, healing wholeness, mercy, grace and love of Jesus Christ. "Just as the Father has sent me, I send you."" Jill Duffield - Looking into the Lectionary</p>	<p>For this day, if you practice passing the peace in worship, consider changing the language up a bit..</p> <p>"May the entirety of God rest upon you"</p> <p>"May the fullness of God dwell within you"</p> <p>Something that expresses more than just the lovely greeting we give each other and then forget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People Smart:

	<u>Involvement</u>		<i>interactions between people, awareness of other's emotions, thoughts, and motivations, and how to connect with them</i>
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>Vs 23 - "sins"</p> <p>In the 4th Gospel, sin is not a moral failing or even breaking relationship; it is related to trusting that Jesus is who he says/lives he is. It is about being in the Light and Life.</p>		<p>If sin in the passage is about light and darkness and one's willingness to live in each, imagine your life today without light. How would moving around be affected?</p>