

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Word - B, People - B, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vs 4 - speaking the message of the Gospel</p> <p>How we speak of something reveals our attachment to it. We can either shine light or cast a shadow (see EYE)</p>	<p>Vss. 1,2,5 - "As you know" Is actually a TVTrope!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "This is a form of exposition where one character explains to another something that they both know, but the audience doesn't or may have forgotten." <p><i>"As you know, Alice, my Death Ray depends on codfish balls."</i></p> <p><i>"Damn it, Bob, you know full well that Alice hasn't been the same since that tragic codfish incident."</i></p> <p>"As you know," explained at Urban Dictionary as either a derogatory introduction to indicate</p>	<p>Vs. 7-8 - Think of a person you truly love; record how you speak of that person. Think of something that repulses you and record yourself speaking about that. Listen to the recordings and notice your voice's tone, meter, patterns, words you use, and overall sound. They will be different.</p>

		<p>something that is obvious (“As you know, gang leadership is run from the Prison Infrastructure.”), or an introduction intended to avoid offending someone when saying something obvious (“As you know, Warden, the gang’s leadership is within the prison.”).</p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>	<p>Vs 7 - if we stick with “like infants” as a contrast to the less purely motivated charlatans roaming the Thessalonian countryside....</p>	<p>Consider the powerful draw of pictures of Prince George and Princess Charlotte. Those kids sell magazines!</p> <p>FBF’s kids</p>	
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>			
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>	<p>Vs. 7</p> <p>Vs 2 - courage in our God</p>	<p>Paul’s own illustration of his devotion to the Thessalonians is like a nursing mother’s devotion to her child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those who have ever held a baby or a puppy or other young wee animal; remember the feeling of “AAAAAAWWWWW” and the care that you took handling it. <p>>> Imagining holding a baby/wee animal, name the body parts - tiny little hands/paws/talons/whatever; round chubby face; big confused eyes, etc.</p> <p>“Courage” is like “confidence” in this context; they are tested and experienced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have a lot of experience with a sport or 	<p>⇒ Demonstrate said movements or have</p>

		dance or yoga or gardening or anything else you do with your hands/body? This “second nature” kind of moving and doing is the type of courage Paul and his companions had in God.	someone who is thus skilled do so
Musical			
Natural			
People - Interpersonal MWD	<p>Vs 7 - Gentle also translated as “like infants”</p> <p>Paul may have a subtext here; infants are not beholden to social niceties and will call out or cry or throw your glasses if they get hold of them. They need to be paid attention to and tended to - how is our preaching like this? Do we grab attention and hold on to it?</p>	Paul presents himself and his compatriots to be like infants, nursing mothers, and fathers to the faithful in Thessalonica. →	<p>Break into three groups (use the shapes from Matthew!) and have groups discuss the three personas hinted at in Paul’s letter. (<i>These images come from the paper “Infants, Nursing Mother, and Father: Paul’s Portrayal of a Pastor” by Jeffrey A. D. Weima in the Calvin Theological Journal, 2002</i>)</p> <p>1- infants When are we like infants when discussing our faith with others? Are we captivating and without guile? Do we pay attention to the person we are engaged with? Do we learn anything new from this experience? Or do we just poop without concern for who smells it?</p> <p>2 - nursing mothers When are we like mothers looking to the needs of our children when being with one another? Do we attend to others without complaint or fuss? Do we sit with those who are distressed and celebrate with those who are joyful? Or are we harassed, sore,</p>

			<p>and exhausted?</p> <p>3 - fathers When are we deeply concerned for others and “want to share not only the Gospel but ourselves”? When do we seek out others who are having a hard time and offer an ear and an opportunity for correction and friendship? When do we offer guidance out of our experience to those who are younger? And when do we offer a boot in the arse?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal D2</p>	<p>Vs 4 - please God who tests our hearts</p>	<p>← The concern is motive; why do we proclaim the Gospel?</p> <p>How do we talk about our lives to other people? To those we know well? To those we are familiar with? To those we just met?</p> <p>Is this how you talk about the Gospel?</p> <p>Consider the content you use, the energy you impart to it, and especially the goal of your speaking -- is it for your benefit or your listener's?</p>	<p>Vss. 1,2,5 - “As you know,” Paul was encouraging the Thessies to remember what they should have remembered already -- Paul's love and sacrifices on their behalf, so they could receive the gospel.</p> <p>What are three things about your experience of the Gospel that you know well but tend to forget?</p> <p>Write them out with your name, what you know, and what happens when you forget:</p> <p>As you know, (<u>your name</u>), according to the gospel, _____ _____ _____, but you seem to _____ _____ instead.</p>