

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BAdv1x2017

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, **together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, **in speech and knowledge of every kind**— 6 just as **the testimony of Christ** has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for **the revealing** of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 **God is faithful**; by him **you were called into the fellowship of his Son**, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word - B, Eye - B, People - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs 1-2 = standard greeting format</p> <p>Grace = <i>charis</i> Peace = <i>shalom</i></p> <p>In the first verses, Paul is connecting parts of the community. “Not red states and blue states, but the United States.” - Obama</p>	<p>Business letters Formal letters Personal letters</p> <p>“As a Roman citizen Paul would have spent much of his early years in grammar school where he learned the art of letter writing.” ~Lucy Lind Hogan, WP</p>	<p>Bring in letters! These are fun: Letter on not raising pigs Letter exchange on Butcher's brand "tripe mix"</p> <p>The pig letter is a great example here, because Paul also seeks to correct the Corinthians by indirectly pointing out the flaws in their beliefs / understanding / logic.</p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Corinth was a port city, cosmopolitan, busy, important*</p> <p>Paul would have been writing not only to the</p>	<p>Vss. 7-8 - Paul has the Corinthians thinking about Christ, who can't be seen but is still directing them, strengthening</p>	<p>A lot of maps!</p> <p>Vss. 2, 9 - use TinkerToys or a lump of clay and some dowels or pencils to build</p>

	people in Corinth, but addressing their culture, as well.	them, and equipping them. Kind of the opposite of Dorothy & company's meeting with the Wizard, who had given them a task without equipment and intoned, "Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain!" EYE because of the visuals of the movie but also the spatial relationship of the hidden Christ	a hub with several spokes coming out from it. Do this live during the sermon to show the pieces coming together and the spokes (saints) being held together by the hub (Christ) EYE for visual engagement, spatial relations of a model, see also BODY for manual manipulations.
Math - Logical/Mathematical	"...Paul's logic is driven by an understanding that salvation has to mean something bigger than the individual. Many Christians still have difficulty making it to this level of understanding. It opens up too many questions about the social and political implications of the gospel. Private faith of a personal future is more comforting and marketable...." ~ Bill Loader , UCA	Simple arithmetic may illustrate this best - $1+1=2$.	
Body - Kinesthetic	Vs 2 - sanctified...saints People set aside, dedicated to something People who devote a large part of their lives (if not the whole thing) to a goal	Athletes are set aside and dedicated to a goal that takes up a large part of their days on this planet. Artists, dancers, soldiers, chefs, actors	
Musical			
Natural	Vs 2, 9 - this is the glue that holds them together	Natural adhesives Homemade glue recipes potato peels in the disposal LOL	
People - Interpersonal	Vs. 9 - this is a reminder of the Corinthians	"No doubt some in the church were probably	Based on this reading, break into groups and

MWD	common reality*	<p>hoping that Paul would just weigh in on the problems and take sides in contentious matters. Paul begins by reminding them of what they seem to have forgotten. Everything that they have and are comes from God.” ~Carla Works, WP</p> <p>“Paul invites us to consider that our ultimate hope is nurtured not so much by waiting anxiously for the future coming of Christ but by looking backward gratefully at the gifts we have already been given in Christ.” ~Christine Chakoian, <i>The Christian Century</i></p>	<p>discuss:</p> <p>Whose side would Paul be on in a church dispute? Who would Jesus get behind? Why is it important to the life of the church that its members remain in union? Why does Paul begin his letter by reminding the Corinthians of “the basics”?</p> <p>Consider your relationships with other Christians, in your congregation and in others and even other denominations. Do you think of them as equal in status and calling in Christ to yourself? See also SELF</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	Vs 2 - the church of God that is in Corinth ... sanctified in Christ Jesus ... together with those in every place		<p>Everyone who calls on and is called by Jesus is sanctified. (set apart, blessed, endorsed, approved, legitimate, cleansed, pure, etc) How does this change you opinion of that brother or sister you have run up against or look down on?</p>

*From *Interpretation*, October 2008, Suzanne Watts Henderson:

Corinth boasted a flexible social structure with an enterprising spirit; even freed slaves could participate in the upward mobility that motivated many Corinthians. In addition, the city's strategic location between two ports made it a melting-pot of ideas and religious traditions, as well as a bustling spot of interstate commerce. The marketplace of Corinth, it seems, rewarded human achievement of every stripe—from financial success, to sporting prowess, to rhetorical and philosophical persuasion.

Ibid "God is faithful," Paul writes, and then adds, "by him you were called into the fellowship (koinonia) of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1:9). In Christ, God has made a way for us to play an active role in Christ's Lordship by making his priorities clear for all the world to see.