

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: John 12:20-33

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

27 “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Eye - B, Body - I, Nature - B, People - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p>	<p>Vss. 20-23 form a bit of a chiasm with John 1:35-51, where Andrew follows Jesus then goes to bring Simon, and Andrew follows Jesus then goes to bring Nathanael. Now two Greeks come wanting to meet Jesus, and it is Philip and Andrew who go to bring Jesus to the Greeks.</p>	<p>Greeks (or at least people who spoke Greek) came to the disciple with the Greek name from a place that had Greek people in the population. It’s like going to a new place and seeking out the person who most resembles you to clue you into what works in this new place. Teach me the language, the idioms, the lingo, etc.</p> <p>I watch The Crown with subtitles on because I have a hard time discerning the words</p>	

		spoken in a posh British accent. And sometimes because I eat chips!	
Eye - Visual/Spatial D2	Vs 23 - glorified = be shown as he really is	<p>Similar to a character in a story being revealed to be more than he or she seems to be: e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cinderella is the mysterious woman at the ball. •Strider is Aragorn, Son of Arathorn, Heir of Isildur, Claimer of the thrones of Gondor and Arnor •Turning on a light to discover what the dark shapes in the room are. (Meredith and her black pants scaring the heck out of us all.) •Someone revealing an unknown ability during a game like Bite the Bag. 	<p>Draw all people to myself - the Greek word is also “dragged” so you could illustrate this with a magnetic paperweight - the pieces of metal are pulled into shape. It’s like Jesus is the magnet and people are the steel. (Also, NATURE)</p> <p>Another way to demonstrate is to literally drag someone to their feet; like a teenager wanting to sleep in, maybe? (Also BODY)</p>
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic MWD	<p>Vs 32 - lifted up One image of the phrase is a game winning player or coach lifted onto shoulders. Another image is a man lifted up while being nailed to a cross.</p>	<p>Vs. 27 - Perhaps this is like the 2-minute warning in a big (American) football game where the score is close, and it’s still anyone’s game to win; everyone is tired and beat up, but the players have to find strength within themselves to make the last push to glory. See also SELF</p>	
Musical	Vs 25 - “...keep it for eternal life”	A commentary on the song “Is That All There Is?” sung by Peggy Lee used on <i>Mad Men</i> .	A Seed Has Fallen Bill Loader
Natural D2		Vs. 24 - Seed germination - a bean Sunflower seeds germinating and doing a modern dance to hot jazz	⇐ Plant some seeds! We’ve done this before, but in northern hemisphere, it’s about time any way.

		Pumpkins grow to banjos!	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs. 31 - the judgement of the world</p> <p><i>See below</i></p> <p>~ Fleming Rutlege, quoted by Deborah Dean Murphy</p>	<p>The Power of Vulnerability, Brene Brown TED Talk</p> <p>“Among her research subjects, those who were most in touch with the fact that they could be hurt—could lose, could get it wrong—but went ahead seeking connection anyway were more likely to be happier, to have more satisfying relationships and a higher sense of self-worth. Conversely, Brown argues that by engaging in methods of self-protection—guarding against pain, choosing safer paths, seeking certainty, choosing acceptance over authenticity—we actually distance ourselves from sources of comfort, happiness, and belonging. Her conclusion? If vulnerability leaves us open to pain, shame, and rejection, it also leaves us open to love, acceptance, and belonging.”</p> <p>~ Ayanna Johnson Watkins, Christian Century</p> <p>Vs. 20-23 – This moment for Jesus is like the flip that happens for a startup company that has been working hard to build some buzz through advertising and now people are starting to come with no direct personal connection.</p>	<p>“... the trouble is that in those moments we think of as off moments, others decide whether or not we are truly committed. The times a person says, ‘I must talk to you,’ or when we are weeding the garden. Or, working in an office. Grading a road. Nailing on a molding or painting a room. Cooking a meal. Speaking to a child. These are the times and places where the other person decides who we really are. There can be no ‘off moments’ for Christians if our faith and its vitality are to be contagious.”</p> <p>~ Kirk Alan Kubicek, Sermons That Work</p> <p>Break into groups and discuss those times when you experienced a contagious faith; either as the recipient or the one giving it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •How did you catch it? •What did the person do who “infected” you? •How has it made a difference? •Do you know of a time when you “infected” someone? When and how? •What might we do to remain contagious?

People smart quote:

“During the Persian Gulf War, one of the New Yorker writers was reminded of an incident described by George Orwell during the Spanish Civil War. Orwell wrote from the front lines that he saw a man from the opposing, Fascist forces jump out of the trench and run along the parapet in full view, presumably carrying a message to an officer. He had nothing on but a pair of ill-fitting trousers, which he held up with one hand as he ran. Orwell wrote, ‘I refrained from shooting him . . . I had come here to shoot at “fascists,” but a man who is holding up his trousers isn’t a “fascist,” he is visibly a fellow-creature, similar to yourself and you don’t feel like shooting him.’”

“When God looks at us,” Rutledge goes on to say, “he does not see titles, bank accounts, club memberships, vacation homes, net worth. He sees frail, vulnerable creatures trying to cover up our spiritual nakedness. When Jesus came down from heaven to live among us, he lived among us at that level. The Son of God gave up all his divine prerogatives and came into the world to be a fellow- creature with us in our deepest need. We were God’s enemies, deserving of death; but he looked on us trying to hold up our trousers with one hand and declared that we were not enemies but friends.”