

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrd3x2016

Text: Luke 4:14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and **was praised by everyone.**

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to **read**, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 “The **Spirit of the Lord is upon me**,
because he has anointed me
to **bring good news** to the poor.
He has sent me to **proclaim release to the captives**
and **recovery of sight to the blind**,
to let the oppressed go free,
19 to **proclaim** the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The **eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed** on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, “**Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.**”

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing	<p>use of the perfect >> participatory: <i>More than hearing!</i> lol I see what you did there...</p> <p>Mark Davis : “the perfect tense is intended to show an action that is completed in the present moment but that has ongoing significance. That has not always been my experience with the perfect tense. My understanding is that it refers to a past event with present consequences.”</p> <p>I wonder if the “Today” of this story is a singular</p>	<p>Try integrating this reading with the Nehemiah passage of the public reading of the law. Have two readers, one for each passage, going back and forth between the two similar scenes. See the example in show notes.</p>

		<p>moment in history or the “eternal now” of when the word is fulfilled through proclamation and hearing.</p> <p>http://leftbehindandlovinit.blogspot.com/2013/01/handed-over</p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>	<p>recovery of sight to the blind</p>	<p>The recovery of sight for the blind can obviously refer to physical healing, but might also symbolize empowering people to see as God sees.</p>	<p>Go to the Dollar Store and purchase sunglasses to hand out to everyone. Call them “God Glasses” and say that when we put these on, we will see others the way God sees them. Of course, we won’t, but the idea is to get people used to the concept of <i>looking</i> at others as beloved children of God not just bodies in the way. Keep these glasses on hand for the next week and note how using them changes your attitude towards others.</p> <p>(If you don’t have the budget for sunglasses for everyone, you could do the Junior Bird Man thing of making the “okay!” sign with your thumb and forefinger, put the tips of your other fingers along your lower jawline, then roll your hands up to make “lenses” over your eyes.)</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>			
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>	<p>Spirit of the Lord is upon me</p> <p>recovery of sight to the blind</p>	<p>Luke - foreshadowing the Spirit at Pentecost again?</p> <p>“release” in Luke’s gospel is used primarily for the forgiveness of sins - release also for that which oppresses</p>	<p>At the beginning of your service or sermon, instruct your congregation to clasp their hands together as tightly as possible and not to let go until you tell them to. (You may join them in this as an</p>

			<p>example.) Then, go on with the rest of the service, leaving them to be “bound” for a while. Release them when you get to those words in Luke, or wherever you see fit.</p> <p>I tried this for a bit and found it uncomfortable, which is the point.</p> <p>You could also have them sit on their hands or put their hands behind their backs.</p>
Musical			<p>“O Love, How Deep, How Broad How High”, attr. Thomas a Kempis <i>Puer Nobis Nascitur</i></p> <p>“Christ for the World We Sing”, Samuel Wolcott <i>Italian Hymn</i></p> <p>“The Kingdom of God”, Bryn Rees <i>Hanover</i></p>
Natural			
People - Interpersonal			<p>As with the Nehemiah passage, and per verse 21, let the word be fulfilled because you have heard it! Make plans for groups of members to visit the poor or prisoners or the blind or oppressed in your community to bring them good news. Obviously this will take some serious work to do well. Work within established structures if possible. Work out well in advance what might actually be good news or not. Consider carefully how building relationships with such folk might</p>

			<p>happen and how much it needs to happen before they will be able to receive your good news. And of course, pray the project into existence.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>		<p>Jesus is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit says Luke at the beginning of this passage. David Lose writes: “Power – at least the power of the Holy Spirit, the power, that is, of God – is demonstrated not by any accomplishments or attributes one claims for one’s own self but only through what it accomplishes for others. Power is power only when it sets others free, only when it builds up others, only when used for the betterment of those around you.”</p> <p>http://www.davidlose.net/2016/01/epiphany-3-c-a-peculiar-power/</p>	<p>Give this exercise out as a “homework” experience.</p> <p>We are sometimes asked what we would like as a superpower - the ability to fly, to become invisible, to run super fast - but take time each day this week to consider what super power you already possess, given to you by the Holy Spirit. Maybe you have the superpower to proclaim freedom, to “see” as God sees.</p> <p>See also <i>1 Corinthians 12</i></p>