

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: John 20:19-31(CEV)

19 The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them 20 and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

21 After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, “I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me.” 22 Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don’t forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.”

Jesus and Thomas

24 Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn’t with the others when Jesus appeared to them. 25 So they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas said, “First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won’t believe unless I do this!”

26 A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples 27 and said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!”

28 Thomas replied, “You are my Lord and my God!”

29 Jesus said, “Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!”

30 Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

Eye-SFX Nature-I/SFX People-I/SFX Self-I/SFX

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial	I must see		Find an old, rusty hand saw and bring it out when you start talking about

	I am sending you		<p>“seeing is believing” and the state of Missouri.</p> <p>The disciples, sitting behind locked doors, probably couldn’t imagine where Jesus would send them. Can you imagine where he wants to send you? Let’s try! Invite the congr. to close their eyes and visualize Jesus appearing among us in the sanctuary and sending us, sending you. Where? To whom? To what end?</p>
Math - Logical/Mathematical	If you forgive anyone’s sins, they will be forgiven; But if you don’t forgive their sins, they won’t be forgiven.	<p>Sounds like: If “a” then “a” That is, if “a” is true, then “a” is true. Perhaps, actually: If “a” then “A” That is, if “a” is true, then a more general case “A” also true. Your choice as a human is mirrored by God?</p>	Thy kingdom come, thy will be done - on earth as in heaven.....
Body - Kinesthetic	I am sending you		
Musical			
Natural	he breathed on them	<p>Illustrate this by reminding people how it feels to have a room refreshed by a fan or opening up a window.</p> <p>Many plants rely on the wind to pollinate (achoo!) and the wind blows leaves off trees which then mulch the ground.</p> <p>CS Lewis: Christianity as a “good infection”</p> <p>Gk: pneuma = spirit or wind or (rarely) breath</p>	<p>Do some breathing exercises with your congregation. Put everything down, breathe through the nose, close eyes, etc. Do this for a couple minutes encouraging people to release thoughts, tension, expectations. Get some breathing tips from yoga or fitness instructors.</p>

		http://biblehub.com/greek/pneuma_4151.htm	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>he breathed on them</p> <p>If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven; But if you don't forgive their sins, they won't be forgiven.</p>	<p>In John's gospel, this is when Pentecost happened. Invite your congregation to consider the almost bland circumstances as opposed to Luke's version in Acts.</p> <p>Alternative and understated history: Peyton Manning walked out on the field with his team at the beginning of the Super Bowl and said, "Receive the Lombardi Trophy," and the game was over.</p> <p>Coach of [NCAA Final Four team] walked out on the court with his team at the beginning of the championship game and said, "Receive the trophy," and the game was over.</p> <p>Jill Duffield: Last summer at Harvard This week at the session meeting Every year at Montreat Some who hear these mantras nod and understand while others feel left out and perhaps less than. I can only imagine how it felt for Thomas that week in between Jesus' resurrection appearances. "Yesterday when we were hiding in that room ... Jesus appeared ... showed us his hands and his side." <i>What a divide it must have created between those who'd experienced the risen Christ and those who had not. If we break it down between</i></p>	<p>Break into groups and discuss the difference between the two stories. Which version has more appeal to them and why? Does this "other" version offer anything new or different in the story?</p> <p>The lost line: "If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven; But if you don't forgive their sins, they won't be forgiven." Is there someone whom you have not forgiven? Jesus appears to the disciples and shows them his wounds to prove that it is he. Do you show your wounds as testimony to God's power or to your own hurt? What could God's power do for your wounds?</p>

		<p><i>the immersed and the sprinkled, the ones with the gift of tongues and the ones without, high church and low church ... imagine what a line there must have been between those who'd seen Jesus raised from the dead and those who'd only heard tell of it. (emphasis added)</i></p> <p>It must have been a long week for Thomas. "Last week when Jesus stood among us and we received the Holy Spirit ... oh, right, you missed it." I admire Thomas in this exchange because he names the exclusion and refuses to accept his outsider status. He won't just go along to get along. He won't accept the others' word for it and in so doing gets the dubious title "Doubting Thomas." In insisting on equal treatment, he becomes the personification of skepticism when perhaps he should be praised for tenacity, honesty, patience and faith.</p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>I won't believe unless I do this!"</p>	<p>When have you refused to believe until you have seen? Why? Are there common threads for the different occasions when this has happened? Was it good news or bad? Important or trivial? A particular person or set of people telling you that you didn't believe?</p>	<p>Seeing is Believing</p>