

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Acts 16:16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	“These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.”	Like other spirits in the gospel accounts, this spirit is not lying. What effect does hearing the truth from a questionable	

		source have on our willingness to listen?	
Eye - Visual/Spatial	saw the prison doors wide open	What a shock! What would be the first thing to run through your mind if you saw this?	
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	Severe flogging fastened their feet in the stocks he took them and washed their wounds	One of the effects of corporeal punishment is to weaken the body; if you can't stand up, you can't fight back. re: flogging and other tortures in Roman world Tending to their injuries was an act of mercy (also contrition). Why is seeing to others' physical suffering so prevalent in Jesus' ministry?	
Musical	praying and singing hymns to God	Singing is prayer and prayer is singing! Music is the language of heaven. What hymns or songs act like prayers of praise? What makes praising God akin to singing?	
Natural	midnight foundations of the prison were shaken	In Luke's gospel, other important things happen at midnight or at night; most notably, Jesus' birth. Why is midnight given such importance? Earthquake! (Always a good thing in Luke?)	
People - Interpersonal	brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.	Is Paul annoyed by the ruckus the spirit is making? Is he annoyed by the paparazzi type stalking the girl (moved by the spirit) is doing? Is	

	<p>when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone</p>	<p>he annoyed that she is being exploited by her owners for economic gain? If this is the case, how does he know?</p> <p>This is the reason Paul and Silas wind up in jail; they messed with someone's economic base. How often is this the reason for someone being jailed? How often is this the reason we do not proclaim Jesus' authority over the spiritual realm?</p> <p>The slave girl disappears from the story. What might have happened to her?</p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>Sirs, what must I do to be saved?</p>	<p>What does the jailer need saving <i>from</i>? Allowing his charges to be freed while on his watch? His job? His life? His own brokenness?</p>	