## **More Than Hearing Worksheet**

## Episode: <u>COrdinary14x2016</u>

## Text: Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. 5 For all must carry their own loads.

6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

## Final Admonitions and Benediction

11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Primary expressed intelligence: [D2 thinks] MathLogic [MWD thinks] People

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic		<u>"Notch on your belt"</u> <u>"Feather in your cap"</u>	
Eye - Visual/Spatial		John Hancock's <u>signature</u> on the Declaration of Independence	
Math - Logical/Mathematical		Western (Aristotelean) logic tends to look at	You can use a newsprint or projector to show this

Word - I Math - I/S Body - I/S People - I

		things as a zero-sum game: one of us is right	logical development:
		and the other is wrong.	PROPOSITION
		Jewish thought includes balancing oppositional statements (see <u>this</u>	I say: A You say: B
		article again). What Paul seems to be doing here is stepping out of both those boxes: it's not that either circumcision is right or wrong, and it's not that circumcision is okay and uncircumcision is okay, because the answer has nothing to do with circumcision!	Possible Answers: A is true, B is false A is false, B is true A and B are both true A and B are both false Paul's Answer: Why are you still even talking about this?
Body - Kinesthetic	Paul is referring to circumcision which only half the population has a "connection" to. Ha. BUT what other restrictions or laws are there about the body?	Circumcision was an identifying mark for God's people. What other ways did or has God marked us as God's own? (baptism, anointing, hairstyles, clothing choices)	Tattoos were forbidden in Leviticus, but many people today have them. They signify events or people important to them. Do you have anyone in your congregation who is willing to share their ink?
Musical		Hymnary.org - <u>Galatians</u> <u>6</u>	
		Rather a lot of them!	
Natural			
People - Interpersonal	Bear one another's burdens Work for the good of all	Craig Koester <sup>1</sup> : "Three deaths have occurred: Christ died, the world died, Paul died."	Aid workers going to southern West Virginia to help flood victims.
		<u>Elizabeth Johnson</u> : "Too often those experiencing crisis in their lives avoid	Volunteers the world over who go into harsh places to help people.
		the church for fear of judgment or being smothered by condescending	The blocks long line of people lined up to give blood in Orlando.
		caregivers. The person or	RHINO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Craig Koester, *Texts in Context,* Opportunity to Do Good: The Letter to the Galatians, Word & World Volume IX, Number 2 Spring, 1989

		family in crisis grows more isolated, and the community of faith is not the place of healing and restoration it is intended to be."	People who "do good" because that's the way they feel God's call on their lives. More than just helping out a neighbor or friend. This is putting oneself on a line for strangers who may never know what's been done for them - yet they do it anyway.
Self - Intrapersonal	All must test their own work. The point of our justification, of our ultimate union with Christ, is not to disregard the world, but the enter more fully into it, to help heal others. ~ <u>Lectionary</u> <u>Greek</u>	You are responsible for making your own ship float but this does not absolve you from helping your neighbor's sinking boat either. <u>William Loader</u> : "[God's love] means abandoning a very common human game. It must be named to be disempowered and exposed for what it is, but not to be replaced by new oughts. Rather the way of love itself helps expose its poverty and enables us to live differently as we allow it to heal our being.	