

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 32x2016

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and **our being gathered together to him**, we beg you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to be **quickly shaken in mind or alarmed**, either by spirit or **by word or by letter**, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

3 **Let no one deceive you in any way**; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. 4 **He opposes and exalts himself** above every so-called god or object of worship, so that **he takes his seat in the temple of God**, declaring himself to be God. 5 **Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?** 6 **And you know what is now restraining him**, so that he may be **revealed** when his time comes. 7 **For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work**, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. 8 **And then the lawless one will be revealed**, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy **with the breath of his mouth**, annihilating him by the **manifestation** of his coming. 9 **The coming of the lawless one is apparent** in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, 10 and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they **refused to love the truth** and so be saved. 11 **For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion**, **leading them to believe what is false**, 12 so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

13 But **we must always give thanks to God for you**, brothers and sisters **beloved by the Lord**, because God chose you as the **first fruits** for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through **belief in the truth**. 14 For this purpose **he called you through our proclamation of the good news**, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers and sisters, **stand firm and hold fast** to the traditions that you were taught by us, **either by word of mouth or by our letter**.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, **who loved us** and through grace **gave us eternal comfort and good hope**, 17 **comfort your hearts and strengthen them** in every good work and word.

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} Nature {D2} People

Word - I, Eye - I/SFX, Body - I/SFX, Music - I, Nature - I, People - I, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	sanctification by the Spirit	define holiness - is it living a pious life? Is it seeing evidence of Christ living in and through a person?	

<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>	<p>Vss. 3, 11 - deception and delusion See also Math</p>	<p>Sleight of hand tricks; people are easily misdirected and deceived!</p> <p>NPR's Freakonomics - interview with Alex Stone author of Fooling Houdini</p>	<p>If you know any "magic" tricks, pull them out. If you don't, find someone in the congregation who does. If there are none, look to YouTube.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>			
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>	<p>Vs. 1, 16-17</p>	<p>Physical and emotional comfort of being gathered in a caring embrace.</p>	<p>Invite your members, to the extent they are comfortable, to offer hugs to one another, with words of assurance of the faith, like "keep the faith," "the Lord be with you," "our hope is in Christ," etc.</p>
<p>Musical</p>		<p>Hymn: "Have Faith in God" by BB McKinney</p>	
<p>Natural</p>	<p>vs. 15 stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us</p> <p>Many earthquakes on record in 51....</p>	<p>nature smart illustration - they are like ground cover that keeps soil from eroding. OR their faith is like ground cover that keeps THEM from eroding.</p> <p>Nature smart illustration - defining a time period by a natural event; NOLA and Katrina, Haiti and earthquakes, Japan and tsunamis/meltdowns</p>	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>Paul as prophet? Destroying the temple had already happened once in history. How better to demoralize and conquer a people than to annihilate their god or at the very least their home.</p>	<p>False expectations harm relationships - shaky understanding of your partner can torpedo your marriage. (Like an episode of CBS' <i>48 Hours</i>) Unrealistic expectations can damage your children</p>	

<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>V. 2</p> <p>V. 10</p>	<p>Fear and anxiety that the Day of the Lord had come - like the original radio broadcast of <i>War of the Worlds</i> in 1939.</p> <p>People who have refused to believe truth: Holocaust, moon landing, climate change, Voldemort's return;</p> <p>What have you not believed that turned out to be true? How did you respond to the one who finally made you believe?</p>	
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