

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For once **you were darkness**, but now in the Lord **you are light**. Live as children of **light**— 9 for the fruit of the **light** is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 **Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord**. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of **darkness**, but instead expose them. 12 For it is **shameful** even to mention what such people do secretly; 13 but **everything exposed by the light becomes visible**, 14 for **everything that becomes visible is light**. Therefore it says,

“**Sleeper, awake!**
Rise from the dead,
 and Christ will **shine** on you.”

Eye - I/S, Body - I/S, Music & Nature - I, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vs. 8b <i>Peripateo</i> = “to walk around” According to Paul, to denote appropriate Christian conduct		
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD		Vs. 14a - Consider a mirror in the dark (or under a cover, or in a box). It is unseen and therefore useless. Once it is revealed in the light, it can be useful by reflecting light. <i>Using the mind's eye to see in the dark. Imagination.</i>	Bring a mirror in a box to demonstrate the illustration ⇐ <i>Visual aid; mind's eye is delving into the box.</i>
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Vs. 14a - umm... Perhaps “All that is becoming visible is light.”? Or “All that becomes visible is light.”? “The only thing that is becoming visible is light”?		

<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Vss. 13-14 - Like being “it” in a variation of tag or hide-and-seek, where if someone gets tagged they become another “it,” until everyone is “it.”</p> <p><i>Anyone who has played these games will remember the body feels - adrenaline for the chase, holding still to avoid being seen, zigzagging to avoid a tag, etc.</i></p> <p>Also zombie hordes.</p> <p><i>The very mention evokes body images of shambling, chasing, grasping, biting, etc.</i></p>	<p>Vs. 11 - Invite someone to come to the front where you have a newsprint easel set up. Ask the person to draw a picture of [anything, really - a boat on a lake surrounded by trees, e.g.] - but blindfolded. This is likely to yield “unfruitful works of darkness” that are not shameful, but hopefully funny. (See also Eye)</p> <p>Or, have two identical piles of blocks. Invite two people to come up to build a house/pyramid/whatever with the blocks. The trick is one gets blindfolded. (See also Eye)</p> <p><i>Both examples include movement and physical manipulation of objects. There is a strong Visual/Spatial element in manipulating objects in space without benefit of vision.</i></p>
<p>Musical</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>V. 14b - I wonder where it says that!</p> <p>For what it’s worth, the first two lines rhyme in Greek. (I guess it <u>isn’t worth much</u>. Might be more about <u>the meter?</u>)</p>		
<p>Natural</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>Vss. 11-13 - Cockroaches running for the corners when the lights come on</p> <p><i>You don’t have to have had roaches in your domicile to know about their behavior. If you have had, it’s unforgettable.</i></p>	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>Vs. 8b - Live as children of the light</p> <p>Light = Jesus</p>	<p>Paul is encouraging these folks to live in a way that demonstrates their origins - <i>how their</i></p>	<p>Break into small groups and brainstorm ways of living that reflect the light of Jesus. Covenant with</p>

	<p>“I am the Light of the world” John’s prologue</p>	<p><i>behavior reflects on their family of origin or choice</i></p>	<p>one another to keep track of how you do for a week or two or more. <i>Small group interaction and promises made to help each other be accountable can build relationships. Both activities get you outside your own head and into someone else’s.</i></p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal D2</p>		<p>Vs. 12 - Shame is a powerful emotion. Here is a fascinating column on the loss of shame in our culture and the implications thereof. It even uses some of the same language as Paul did about “bringing things to light,” only suggesting that we have swung too far. <i>As shame is a particularly sharp boundary between public and private experience of life, and quite universal, this will “light up” the Self Smart senses.</i></p>	<p>Invite folks to consider the areas of their lives where they feel shame. Don’t have to say it out loud. That would sort of defeat the purpose. But let them reflect on what causes them shame, and is it an appropriate shame or imposed by someone else’s morality? Invite them to bring it before the Lord in any case as an offering of whole self, seeking the grace and peace of God in Christ. <i>Such a personal journey of reflection is emblematic of the intrapersonal intelligence.</i></p>