

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: ALent5x2017

Text: Romans 8:6-11

6 To **set the mind** on the **flesh** is death, but to **set the mind** on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the **flesh** is **hostile** to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the **flesh** cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the **flesh**; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God **dwells in you**. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the **body** is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**, **he who raised Christ from the dead** will give life to **your mortal bodies** also through his Spirit that **dwells in you**.

Math - I/S, Body - I/S, Music - I, Nature - I/S, People - I/S, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	<i>flesh</i> (what is <i>physical</i>) <i>mind</i> inner perspective as it determines (regulating) outward behavior <i>spirit</i> also wind or breath <i>life</i> zoe quality <i>peace</i> irene - peace of mind		Paul often repeats words or phrases in his letters to emphasize his meaning. To demonstrate this, print some of the words he uses a lot in this passage on paper and lift them up as you read them. The visual cue may hopefully <i>encourage people to listen more intently</i> .
Eye - Visual/Spatial	set the mind	This phrase makes me think of determination. Collect and project pictures of people who are determined - Olympic athletes staring down a starting line or a balance beam. Soldiers in formation. Singers/actors on stage performing. See also Body <i>Engaging the eye and imagination with images will spark visual intelligence.</i>	A hurdler A gymnast A wrestler Dancers an opera singer OR bring someone up to the front and ask them to "set their mind" on something and demonstrate in their expression and posture what this looks like. (See

			also Body)
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>set the mind</p> <p>Is Paul working out of the OT notion that life and death are in fact two ways of being alive (per Rob Bell in <i>Love Wins</i>)?</p>	<p>Paul shows two options for disciples to follow; setting the mind on temporal things or setting the mind on God's realm (which actually includes temporal things!) Of course, he makes the case that setting one's mind on finding what is pleasing to God is life giving. He uses the Greek word <i>zoe</i> which is more than biological life.</p> <p><i>Paul frequently uses rhetoric and challenges basic assumptions in his letters. By engaging his logic and fleshing it out into our own settings, you will draw in those who are oriented towards the logical intelligence.</i></p> <p>(In vs. 8 Paul makes an assumption that his audience wants to please God or that pleasing God is desirable. Hopefully church folk will agree, but this is not a good passage for apologetics, as the atheist will not agree with this premise. See SFX⇒)</p>	<p>Vs. 7 - An atheist not submitting "to that which cannot be proven"</p> <p>And another</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>dwells in you</p>	<p>The eye illustration above works well here, too. We "see" other people's determination on their faces or in their actions but we can also experience them in our own bodies. <i>If anyone is a cross trainer or a musician, encourage them to think about how they feel when they are "in the zone".</i> I think this sensation of</p>	<p>See Eye above</p> <p>Video: I Will Not Submit This is an interesting counterpoint to vs. 7. Bodybuilders working to overcome the painful grind of life by painfully grinding on? Are they in the flesh or in the Spirit? <i>This video of guys working out and its narration about pain and weariness should</i></p>

		<p>being fully occupied is what Paul is going for when he speaks of the Spirit that dwells in us.</p>	<p><i>activate a sympathetic kinesthetic response. You can't help but feel your own muscles watching these guys.</i></p>
<p>Musical MWD</p>		<p>There is nothing that specifically relates to music in the text itself, but you could use the discipline of music to relate the discipline of following Jesus.</p> <p>The passage in free verse:</p> <p>To set the mind on the flesh is death/ To set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace/ The mind set on flesh is hostile to God/ And God they cannot please</p> <p>But you are not in the flesh/ You are in the Spirit and belong to Christ/ Though your body is dead because of sin/ With the Spirit you have life</p> <p>The Spirit who raised Christ is in you/ The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the grave/ Will give your mortal bodies righteous life/ This is what it means to be saved</p> <p><i>Poetry activates Music Smarts through rhythm and rhyme, even if it's a little loose, as this is.</i></p>	

<p>Natural</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Vs. 7 - The mind set on flesh is to God as asbestos is to fire - they just don't work together. But the mind set on the Spirit is to God as wood to fire.</p> <p>See also Logic <i>Using natural elements of asbestos (naturally occurring silicate! Who knew?), wood, and fire and chemical reactions as analogy may get the Naturalist's attention.</i> <i>The analogy may get the Logician's attention.</i></p>	<p>Bring in an asbestos pad, a block of wood, and a wee torch to demonstrate. Take all due precautions, as usual.</p>
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>dwells in you</p>	<p>I'm thinking of the Ezekiel passage; how the Spirit responded to the words of the prophet and came to inhabit the bones and then the bodies.</p> <p>You can also illustrate how the spirit dwells in a people by <i>reminding them of times when they were "caught up" in a group dynamic.</i> (This can also have negative memories but try to emphasize positive ones.)</p> <p>Watching a championship game when your team wins; being at a concert; being with a group of friends at dinner; worship!</p>	<p>Offer a specific prayer for your congregation that calls on the Spirit to come and dwell among you.</p> <p>Invite your folk to think about friends or family who are hostile toward God. Do you know why? Is it because they focus on the physical world and need proof, or because of disappointment, or something else? Encourage your folk to consider these without judgment or fear, but with compassion and warmth. Offer a prayer that God's Spirit of life may be revealed in their lives.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>dwells in you</p>		<p>Consider the witness of your own life to those who are hostile toward God. What do you demonstrate to them about life in the Spirit that they might find desirable?</p> <p><i>Self reflection is the food of intrapersonal intelligence.</i></p>

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