More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vs. 15 - keep my commandments	The only commandment given in John is that disciples love one another. If we love Jesus, we keep that commandment.	Have signs with the words "love" and "commandment" written on them and hold them up when they are read. OR When the word love is read, have everyone sigh. When the word commandment is read, have everyone salute.
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD	World cannot receive	Vs. 17, 19 - <u>Harvey</u> , a movie about a man who believes a 6ft invisible rabbit is his best friend Vs 21 So how do we see God? By keeping the commandments Not because God won't come to us if we don't. But because by keeping the commandments our eyes	When the offering is taken up in worship, see in your mind's eye the people who will benefit from it. (See also People) When you act in generosity toward a stranger (holding a door, allowing someone in front of you in traffic, etc.), see Jesus in that person. (See also People)

		are opened to the God who is already here. Vs. 20-21 - like an <u>M.C.</u> <u>Escher drawing</u> - Jesus invites us into the messy hyper-relational Trinity!	
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2	Vs 17 - the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive	"the world" estranged from God cannot receive the Spirit while remaining unchanged - only by coming into the light will one be able to perceive the activity of the Spirit	Square peg, round hole! Or Round peg, square hole! Procure such and demonstrate the old adage. In this example, either the peg or the hole has to be transformed in order for the "fit" to occur. For John, Jesus is the tool that alters either the peg or the hole, take your pick! (Appropriate for a carpenter?) See also Eye
Body - Kinesthetic MWD	"While Jesus walked the earth, his ministry was limited to one locale and one person, himself. Upon his departure, his disciples are given the Spirit and moved from apprentices to full, mature revealers of God's love." ~Jaime Clark-Soles, WP	The Pope embodies the earthly ministry and authority of Peter. The President embodies the authority given in the Constitution. Pastors embody authority given by the call of the spirit speaking through congregations. Church members embody the work of Jesus in the world (see John 14:12)	
		"moved from apprentices to full mature revealers of God's love" Padawans to Jedi Knights (to Jedi Masters) in <i>Star</i> <i>Wars</i> ! White belts to black belts in martial arts. Court clerks to judges	

		benches.	
Musical			
Natural D2	Love one another Not being abandoned Acting as an advocate	The Rescuing Hug A premature twin in crisis after birth was calmed by skin to skin contact with her healthier sibling. True story!!	
People - Interpersonal MWD	This passage speaks to a very real concern in human lives; how does one live without a person who was a large part of one's life? How does one go on? How does one live up to that person's example? Yet, Jesus assures the disciples then and now that absence does not mean abandonment.	Vs. 21 - Have you ever worried about whether your significant other's parents would like you? Much less love you? (Here's some good advice if they really don't. And here's <u>some more</u> .) Vs. 18 - Concern for the orphan is an oft-repeated theme in scripture. The church can play an important role in today's ministry to orphans. Here is <u>one organization</u> that is working on the problem.	
Self - Intrapersonal		Vs. 16 - the advocate <i>parakletos</i> "In modern contexts someone may serve as an advocate in the court system, in the health care network, or in an educational institution, while other advocates may press the legislature to act on behalf of a certain cause." <u>Child advocacy</u>	← Who has acted as an advocate on your behalf? For whom have you been an advocate?
		At the end of each day, and during each moment of each day, for John, there's only one question to ask yourself: "In what	← Do this exercise for a week or a month. See how your discipleship changes!

ways did I or did I not love today?"
