

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God **for all of you** and **mention you in our prayers, constantly** ³**remembering** before our God and Father your work of **faith** and labor of **love** and steadfastness of **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because **our message of the gospel came to you not in word only**, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as **you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you** for your sake.

⁶And **you became imitators** of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution **you received the word** with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you **became an example to all the believers** in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For **the word of the Lord has sounded forth** from you not only in **Macedonia and Achaia**, but **in every place** your faith in God has become known, so that we have **no need to speak about it**. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Eye - B, Math - B, Body - B, Music - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	<p>Vs. 6b - received the word</p> <p>Words that we associate as “church” words but had political significance for the Roman world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<i>ekklesia</i> (church, assembly) - citizens of a free Greek city assembled for self-government •<i>kyrios</i> (Lord) - a title used by the emperor •gospel (<i>euangelion</i>) - used in 1:5; 2:2,4,8,9; 3:2, but also for official 	<p>camp experiences, quiet moments on a hillside, a time of crisis, an unexpected encounter, etc</p> <p>← some of these secular words were turned on their heads when used to talk about the new kingdom (<i>basileia</i>, another assimilated secular word) of the Risen Christ.</p>	<p>Write the story of your coming to faith. Give this as an exercise to your congregation to do themselves. (PEOPLE and SELF)</p> <p>← What words might we turn on their heads to re-interpret in light of Jesus?</p> <p>Vs 1 - Grace = <i>charis</i> Greeting = <i>chairein</i> Use a magnetic board and magnetic letters and move these letters around to</p>

	<p>news from the government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>parousia</i> (advent, arrival) - used for a visitation by a conquering ruler, or for the arrival of Christ as ruler of the universe (2:19; 3:13; 4:15,17) 		<p>show how they can be altered for Paul's wordplay</p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs. 7 - became an example - learning by seeing a pattern/design</p> <p>Vs 10 - Jesus who saves from the wrath that is coming</p>	<p>Putting together a bookshelf with a diagram; Crochet diagrams; Following a recipe while watching a cooking show; Any episode of this Old House, Lidia's Kitchen, Martha Bakes, etc. ... roadblocks on <i>The Amazing Race</i></p> <p>← so change direction! GPS, maps, asking for directions from a "local", check the address again, call someone who's already there, etc. (see also PEOPLE and SELF for both who you would ask/call and when you did so)</p>	<p>Maps for geographic context!! Show the Via Egnatia - Thessalonica was very cosmopolitan as it was on a main port and main stat between Rom and the East. between Rome and the East.</p> <p>⇨ set up a display of some sort [like a store window display] and have another set of exactly the same objects in a pile to the side. Invite some folks to try to recreate your display exactly - like a roadblock on <i>Amazing Race</i></p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vs 7 - Imitators, becoming an example (or <i>typos</i> Gk paradigm) for others to imitate</p>	<p>Fractals - a pattern that repeats over and over at different scales; the link is to a lesson that discusses what fractals are in terms easily understood. (Follow the links on the left of the web page for the lessons.)</p>	<p>Remember those calendars with the colorful images?</p> <p>⇨ Make the paper fractal from the book <i>Jurassic Park</i> by following these instructions, and invite someone to do it with you as you show how. Perhaps then have that person pass it on to show someone else how to do it. See also EYE</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs 7 - became an example - learning by doing</p>	<p>Batting practice; Running drills; Conditioning for</p>	<p>⇨ Teach everyone a line dance or hand motions for a song, like "Lord I Lift</p>

	Vs. 6 - became imitators	<p>marathons or extended hikes; Daily exercise or practice Dance instructions</p> <p>← children wearing parents' shoes or clothing or "shaving" along with Dad (if dad is not a hipster) or putting on makeup with Mom (or Dad; we don't judge)</p>	<p>Your Name on High" or "His Banner Over Me" (here's another) or any other Sunday school song</p> <p>Demonstrating the Thessalonians growth in the faith: Anyone have a growth chart for one of their children? Blow up a balloon (also EYE) Toss a "magic" capsule in hot water and see what grows out of it. (also EYE)</p>
<p>Musical D2</p>	<p>Vs 8 - sounded forth, suggests a trumpet blast</p> <p>Receiving the word and having it grow. I think MUSIC works here because sometimes the WORD needs to be given in a way that hooks or seeps in to a person's consciousness.</p>	<p>⇐ Jingles are a way companies "sound forth" about themselves. Similarly TV & movie themes.</p> <p>← Illustration idea: what song always arrests you and holds you still until it is over? What song came to you just at the time you needed it allowing you to grieve or dance or hear something that lined up your situation in a new way?</p>	<p>← play some familiar jingles and themes and let people identify the product/show. What would the jingle for your congregation be like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any trumpet players who could do a fanfare? Or bagpipers? Or have the choir process singing Hallelujah! Or "Prepare the Way of the Lord" from Godspell
<p>Natural</p>	<p>Paul writes this letter to "tend" to the believers he has nurtured since he was forced to leave them abruptly after about 3 weeks.</p>	<p>Receiving the word is like planting seeds or having them planted in you. Here's how seeds germinate.</p> <p>Animal husbandry = tending</p>	<p>Hand out some seeds!</p> <p>Anyone have a new puppy or kitten? What do you need to do to prepare and care for that little bundle of aaaaaaawwwwww?</p>
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>Vs 3. - steadfastness</p>	<p>Are there still Weebles out there? Weebles wobble but they don't fall down.</p>	

	<p>Vs 2 - give thanks for all of you</p>	<p>How silly that marketing strategy....</p> <p>Speaking of marketing... Vss. 8-9ff - Word of mouth (WOM) advertising: when satisfied customers tell people about your business without your solicitation or prompting. These articles (here and here) tell why it's important and how to position yourself for it. Paul tells the Thessies they already haz it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the WOM buzz for your congregation? 	<p>← make a list of people you always thank God for and share it with your group. (see SELF)</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>Vs. 6 - receive the Word</p> <p>Vs 2 - give thanks for all of you</p>		<p>What makes it possible for us to receive the word? What makes it difficult? What makes the difference? Or who makes the difference?</p> <p>← keep that list (from PEOPLE) near you for the next month and if possible, contact those folks and express your thanks to them. If not possible, pray to God giving thanks for them.</p>