

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BOrdinary3x2018

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

29 I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed **time** has grown short; from now on, let even **those who have wives** be **as though** they had none, 30 and **those who mourn as though** they were not mourning, and **those who rejoice as though** they were not rejoicing, and those who buy **as though** they had no possessions, 31 and **those who deal with the world as though** they had no dealings with it. For **the present form of this world** is passing away.

Word - I, Math - I, Music - B, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic MWD	Poetic device of simile = As though Like	Time = kairos, not chronos <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> a story about falling in love even though the chronos time is short.	
Eye - Visual/Spatial		Schema (in theatre) = changing acts and characters of a play	
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2	“x is like y in the sense that x is similar to y but not the same as y.” “The forms that help you make sense of the world are no longer valid, not because the world no longer has any value, but because it has received additional value in the Risen Christ.” ~ Stan Mast , Center for Excellence in Preaching	← what would this look like expressed as a mathematical formula? Geometric Similarity ⇐ Consider a polynomial function in one variable x. The function $f(x)$ can have as high an order as you want, as much complexity as you want, but if $x = 0$, then $f(x)$ is reduced to any constants in the function, essentially removing all its complexity. The examples on this linked page use “x” as the variable. We can	

		<p>substitute “t” for time and f(t) instead. (See also this article for more on polynomials, including those in multiple variables, and with graphs.)</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic		<p>Athletes and performers who act as if they don’t have an injury or sickness because they want to continue playing/performing to help the team/troupe.</p>	
<p>Music</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”: “Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.”</p> <p>As if = repeated like a refrain in a song or poem</p> <p>In the musical <i>Les Miserables</i>, there is a scene where the young men are planning their revolt, and Marius comes in all twitterpated. Enjolras, the leader, tells him,</p> <p>“Marius, you’re no longer a child. I do not doubt you mean it well. But now there is a higher call. Who cares about your lonely soul? We strive toward a larger goal! Our little lives don’t count at all!”</p>	<p>We are called not to detachment but to devotion. Write a poem using the refrain “as if” or “as if not,” or both, to express that... Perhaps a series of “as if” statements about things Christ will set right in the Second Coming, followed by “then I must work as if I do not...” [series of privileges and comforts]</p>
Natural			
People - Interpersonal		<p>It is precisely Paul’s call to live “as if” in</p>	<p>What similes would define our own situations?</p>

		<p>“undivided devotion to the Lord” that can enable us to be world changers. ~ Stan Mast, Center for Excellence in Preaching</p> <p>What “world changers” come to mind who showed devotion to God?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sounds like descriptions I’ve heard of military personnel on deployment. They can’t afford to spend time on their families or have their emotions or take care of business at home because they have to be focused on the mission at hand. The time will come when they can do all those things, just not then. <p>See also SELF</p>	<p>Discuss this quote: “To recognize [the resurrection] is to see our individual mourning or buying or marrying or dealing with the world as more than individual moments. Our lives are tied to a larger system that is itself wrestling with the reality of God’s presence in the world, with God’s desire for creation to be whole and loved and loving and just. We are tied together in Christ, our lives and everyday moments all flowing with—or against—God’s reconciling work.” ~ Brian Bantum, <i>The Christian Century</i></p> <p>How does your congregation manifest this recognition?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>D2</p>			<p>According to Paul, the best way to live as a disciple is free from distractions. This is not always possible - which requires flexibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a list of your distractions and rank them according to how much energy they take from you. • Imagine how you might use the energy of that distraction for kingdom work.