More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13) 14-17

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. 11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Eye - S, Math - I, Body - B, Music - B, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD	Vs 16 - "see" no one		If possible, get a bunch of eclipse glasses (if anyone still has theirs from last August) or blue/red 3D glasses, or dollar store sunglasses. Maybe get some old glasses and smear them with petroleum jelly or soap or lotion. Hand them out and have people look at one another with them on. Note the distortions. Then, take them off!

Math -Logical/Mathematical

D2

<u>Lois Malcolm</u>'s commentary at Working Preacher about <u>double</u> <u>negation</u> in verses 10-16

<u>David Frederickson</u>'s commentary about Paul's logic in these verses

[There are some PEOPLE smart overtones in Frederickson's commentary: esp re: Paul's ups and downs that find a reflection in our own lived faith.]

← "God's promises are always a "yes." Rooted in that "yes," our lives can be an open statement of truth -- regardless of where we find ourselves." [see Romans 8:28]

Holmes Let us suppose, my dear Dr. Watson, that Lord Greystoke was shot by Jack the Ripper. Watson If he was shot by Jack the Ripper, then Jack must have used a gun. Holmes Indeed! So the Ripper must have used a gun. Watson That doesn't fit, Holmes, as Jack the Ripper never uses a gun on his victims. Holmes If he never uses a gun on his victims, then he must not have used a gun. Watson So that must mean... Holmes Yes, it's elementary-Lord Greystoke was not shot by Jack the Ripper.

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Vs. 14 This is sort of like the <u>distributive property</u> of <u>multiplication over</u> <u>addition</u>. Sort of. Also the <u>substitution</u> <u>property of equality</u>. Sort of.

D*(J) = D*(h1+h2+h3+...) Where D = Death J = Jesus h(n) = human #n, where n is a positive integer

If J = (h1+h2+h3+...), and

		$D^*(h1+h2+h3+) = R_L$, Where R_L = requirement of the Law, Then $D^*J = R_L$ This verse is the basis of substitutionary atonement theology.	
Body - Kinesthetic MWD		Vs. 7 Indiana Jones stepping off into the abyss (so he thought) in The Last Crusade. Also EYE for movie and for that cavernous space.	Vs. 6 "at home in the body" if you have time, do some centering/breathing where you encourage people to be aware of their own bodies; tension in shoulders/jaws, pain in joints, paying attention to their breathing and heart rate.
			If you think folks are up to it, do a little visualization while you're at it, in which they are away from their bodies. Be sure to bring them back, though.
Musical D2		Vs. 17 - "Everything Old Is New Again" (Note that the message of the song is the exact opposite of what Paul is saying, but I can never not think of this song when I hear this verse.)	← Try rewriting the words to the song to fit the theology of the verse.
Natural			
People - Interpersonal	Scott Hoezee, Center for Excellence in Preaching: "Before we can all dwell happily together in the shalom of God's kingdom there needs to be real reconciliation between earthly enemies. Perpetrators and victims must embrace. Those who have lived in conflict need to have that conflict put away if	As Barbara Brown Taylor has written, in the Lord's Supper the minister holds up a whole loaf of bread as a reminder of the whole, perfect presence of God among his people. But then that loaf is shattered, broken, torn, and the crumbs fall onto the table. It is a reminder that our perfect wholeness, that peace for which we yearn and pine, is not behind us but up	

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	there is to be shalom. It's not just the lion and the lamb that need to learn to curl up next to one another but all of us who have lived as the human equivalents of lambs and lions in how we have treated each other."	ahead yet. Wholeness is coming, but the broken loaf reminds us that it is coming not through what we'll do but through what Jesus already did. His brokenness is what will one day put our lives back together whole and complete, relationships and all. (See also LOGIC: Distributive property with incarnational and sacramental theology: If Jesus is united with every bit of the broken bread, and Jesus is whole, then the broken bread is in a sense made whole; so also our lives; so also all who eat the bread together.)	
Self - Intrapersonal MWD			Make a list of people you "see" differently because of Jesus. Praise God for them!
			Make a list of people you still look at through your human lens. Ask God to help you look at them as Jesus does. This may take more than one session! Then, thank God for them and your new perspective. See also EYE