

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AOrd2x2020

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to **those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints**, together with all those who in every place **call on the name** of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 **I give thanks to my God always for you** because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, **in speech** and **knowledge** of every kind— 6 just as **the testimony of Christ** has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the **revealing** of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also **strengthen you to the end**, so that **you may be blameless** on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 **God is faithful**; by him **you were called into the fellowship of his Son**, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word - B, Eye - S, Body - S, Music - I, People - B, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>“Much of the letter is critical, but criticisms should be seen through the lens of the intro.” + “All the divisions and trouble that Paul will talk about for the next 16 chapters have their solution in the first paragraph.” ~from <a href="#">Pulpit Fiction</a> a podcast by Eric C. Fistler and Robb McCoy</p>	<p>Think of a Permanent Judicial Commission or Committee on Ministry (or other governing body) letter to a session of a church in turmoil. If the PJC or COM are good stewards and shepherds, they will affirm the relationship with Christ everyone shares and use that filter as the way to address issues. <i>(The goal of discipline in PCUSA Book of Order is reconciliation and restoration, not punishment or even compliance per se.)</i></p> <p>Also, <a href="#">The Work of Christmas</a> by Howard Thurman addresses how Christmas finds its home</p>	<p>A prayer written by <a href="#">John van de Laar</a> at Sacredise:</p> <p><a href="#">The Call of Compassion</a></p> <p>Do this as a choral reading. SEE BELOW.</p>

		<p>in the world once the celebrations have ended.</p> <p>This article by <a href="#">Douglas Campbell</a> about the conflict in Corinth is illuminating and would be helpful as we travel through Corinthians for a while.</p> <p>I think this quote is worth pondering: “Paul’s success in assembling a diverse church created conditions for conflict.” Maybe use this for discussion in <b>PEOPLE</b> smart.</p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>D2</p>			<p>Get a small, lightweight, wooden block (or similar) that will represent the Corinthians. To represent all the gifts they have been given (speech, knowledge, faith, etc.) attach balloons or a parachute with a fan blowing up, so that the block is lifted. To represent the call of Christ, add an anchor - a weight of some sort that will keep the block in place.</p> <p>The gifts enable the motion of ministry, but without the anchor they will just fly off any old way. The anchor keeps them grounded in Christ, but without the gifts they will just sit.</p> <p>We’re looking for balance.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>	<p>Testimony is a legal term, right?</p> <p><i>Yes, and it’s verbal expression of personal experience, so WORD, SELF, too.</i></p>	<p>Testimony is included as <a href="#">evidence</a> in criminal and civil cases.</p>	

<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Strengthen you to the end...</p>		<p>Bring in some weights and label each of them  “worship” “Bible study”  “prayer” “fellowship”  “mercy” “compassion” etc  and either invite someone to come lift weights during the sermon or do it yourself! Hydrate.</p>
<p>Musical</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p><a href="#"><i>A Charge to Keep Have I</i></a>  Text: Charles Wesley,  1707-1788</p> <p><a href="#"><i>The Church's One Foundation</i></a>  Text: Samuel J. Stone,  1839-1900</p>	
<p>Natural</p>			
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>“Paul's logic is driven by an understanding that salvation has to mean something bigger than the individual. Many Christians still have difficulty making it to this level of understanding. It opens up too many questions about the social and political implications of the gospel. Private faith of a personal future is more comforting and marketable, but has little to do with the hope Jesus came to bring and doesn't really spell good news for the poor except in another life.”  ~<a href="#">Bill Loader</a></p>	<p>← This is why we train soldiers, this is why marching bands spend so much time in drills, this is why choirs and actors in plays rehearse. The individual is important but the whole is greater.</p> <p>When your significant other turns to you and says, “We need to talk.”</p>	<p>← Break into groups and discuss how the parts of each of the examples given are less effective when individuals “go their own way”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens to the whole?</li> <li>• How does one address the issue of “diva” behavior?</li> <li>• How do individuals receive encouragement to continue participating in the whole, especially if they have had their toes stepped on?</li> </ul>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Faithful = trustworthy</p>	<p>Have you ever received a letter or an email from someone with whom you have a difficult</p>	

		relationship? The expectation is that the relationship will be examined and likely harshly, but if you were told that the person “thanked God for you” at the beginning, how would that change the way you receive the message?	
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# The Call of Compassion

## [A Poem and Prayer by John Van de Laar](#)

*Arranged for Choral Reading by David A. Douthett, 2020*

- Four Voices:
- UL - Upper Light (like soprano)
  - LL - Lower Light (like alto)
  - UD - Upper Dark (like tenor)
  - LD - Lower Dark (like baritone)

ALL            If we're honest,

UL            compassion does not come easy to us, God;

LL LD        We see others who struggle;

UD            those without homes, or food;

LD            those dying from curable diseases, simply because

UL            they can't get access to the medicine they need;

UD LD        those who have lost loved ones through death or circumstance,

UL LL        and long for human companionship;

LD            those who are persecuted

UD            and judged

LL because of

UL their difference;

LL those who are facing the awful consequences

LD of bad choices they have made;

UL LL and those who must live with the consequences

UD LD of choices that others make that impact their lives;

ALL It all just feels like it's too much,

UL and there's nothing we can do.

LL UD But, we know that's not true –

ALL we know that compassion is enough;

LD that when we allow ourselves to feel,

LL compassion will lead us to do what we can,

UL and that this will make a difference.

ALL And so, we pray first for ourselves:

UD that you would soften our hearts,

UD LL and still our fears,

UD LL UL and lead us into those acts of compassion

ALL that we are capable of doing.

UL And then we pray for all of these others

LD UD whose lives can be changed

LL UL through small, simple acts of care;

LD LL that you would disturb us, and others like us,

UD UL until we finally step up and play our part

ALL            in the saving of your world;  
LL            and that enough of us  
LL UD                            would answer your call,  
LL UD LD        that the needs of the hurting ones  
ALL            may be met.  
UL LL            *In* Jesus' Name,  
UD LD            In *Jesus'* Name,  
ALL            In Jesus' *Name*.        Amen.