

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AOrdinary4x2020

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word - I, Eye - I, Math - I, Body - I, Music - S, Nature - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic MWD <i>Strengths Characteristics Expression</i>	People “know” a relationship with Jesus after experiencing it - they begin the experience when they hear a testimony.	“ Call me Ishmael ” - Herman Melville begins an entire novel by asking the reader to be introduced to the character who narrates the story. As we begin to learn about Ishmael and his adventures aboard the <i>Pequod</i> , we meet Captain	

		Ahab and Queequeg and the White Whale. We experience the story much like we experience the story of Jesus in lives of people who testify to meeting him. Most likely without harpoons.	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>MWD</p> <p>Strengths Characteristics Expression</p>	<p>Vs 19 - 25</p> <p>Paul claims God has turned everything upside down through the cross of Jesus in order to save it.</p>	<p>The Netflix series "Stranger Things" is about a group of kids who encounter something called "the Upside Down" - a reality adjacent to our reality in which everything is dark, dead, and menacing. Paul may be suggesting that our world is the dead world and the upside down of God is a world of light, life, and grace.</p>	
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p> <p>Strengths Characteristics Expression</p>	<p>Paul's articulation of "the message of the cross is foolishness," seeks to counter the intellectualism of Greeks, Romans, and Jews; consequently, refuting the 21st-century logic.</p>	<p>Is Paul using irony here or paradox? Try exploring both terms to see where you think Paul fits.</p> <p>Here's a link to an article describing the difference between the two.</p> <p>Here's another.</p> <p>See also WORD</p>	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p> <p>Strengths Characteristics Expression</p>		<p>Stumbling blocks = Legos? I always imagined raised door sills; you don't see them and then you are on the floor.</p> <p>You have nerves on your extremities called "nociceptors" that send waves of signals to your brain when you slam into objects. Researchers think the pain taught our ancestors to tread carefully so as to avoid injuries or lacerations that could be deadly.</p>	

Musical D2 <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>			Play musical cues for key words in the text and sermon, like: Foolish - wahwah trombone Wise - lilting harpsichord Weak - flute or triangle Strong - elec. guitar riff Perishing - creepy theramin Saved - tada trumpets
Natural MWD <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>	God's wisdom only really makes sense in an entirely different realm.	Life in other places on earth are extremely different to life as we know it - like deep waters in the ocean. Living in God's kingdom has altered one's being; we are like the deep sea creatures who have adapted to intense pressure and little light.	
People - Interpersonal <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>	<p>"There is a great foolishness in the Corinthians putting on airs as they seem to be doing, enthralled with their own importance, their own wisdom, strength, knowledge, and so on. The first truth about them is that they are self-impressed little people."</p> <p>"God chooses the foolish/weak/nothing in order to upend the status quo and in order to create life." ~ Mary Hinkle Shore, <i>Working Preacher</i></p>		Vs 30 - Discuss: How often do we think about our source of life? Do we think about it in terms other than what fuels our bodies? Do we ever think about it in terms of what makes us able to get out of bed in the morning? Do we ever think of that source as Jesus? Is this our first thought or a thought we eventually get around to?
Self - Intrapersonal <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>	"God is going to take you back to school and its curriculum is decidedly unworldly, other-worldly, foolish, weak, ineffective. It's graduate studies in the		⇐ Using this analogy, what subject do you need to learn most in God's school? How to use your gifts? How to trust others to use

	<p>unlikely, a Ph.D. in the simplicities of Kindergarten. It's a parallel universe in which the weak are strong and the foolish are wise and dead end cul-de-sacs lead somehow to shining streets of gold in a kingdom without end. And it is the cross that defines this whole new world. [...] It was the darkest moment in human history that led to the light. It was the death that led to life. The cross shows us God's way of doing things like nothing else ever could."</p> <p>~Scott Hoezee, <i>Center for Excellence in Preaching</i></p>		<p>theirs? How to testify to God's foolishness with your own lived out foolishness of the cross?</p>
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