

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Acts 10:34-43 - MWD

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Math - B, Body - B, People - B, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2		Does anyone remember using a number line in elementary school? It laid it all out there, all the numbers you needed to know, and you could learn the order and do math relationships like adding and subtracting with. That’s what Peter is doing with the Jesus story here: laying out the order of things and pointing out some themes and relationships.	Make a number line (big enough for people to see). It’s just a strip of paper with increasing whole number integers at even spaces, like a ruler or tape measure, but without the fractions. (The fractions do exist on a number line, but they are usually left out for simplicity’s sake. Similarly, there is much more to the Jesus story than Peter offers here, but he leaves out a lot for simplicity’s sake.)
Body - Kinesthetic	“One of the greatest places for inclusivity to	Food plays a huge role in the entire story about	Have a dinner after worship or encourage

MWD	take on flesh is around the table.” ~ Jamie McCallum , <i>The Truett Pulpit</i>	Peter and Cornelius. Think about family dinners you have; who’s there, what’s eaten, who from “outside” is invited and when, how does this change the dynamic? What is incarnate in your family dinners?	people to invite someone they don’t know very well to go eat after worship. Pay special attention to how your body feels in the asking and in the fellowship.
Musical			This should be set to music somehow....
Natural			
People - Interpersonal D2	<p>“...what made them [early Christians] so successful was that their witness came out of the experience of being radically transformed in their own hearts and minds and lives.” Alan Brehm, <i>The Waking Dreamer</i></p> <p>“N.T. Wright, “God is not simply accepting us as we are. He invites us as we are; but responding to that invitation always involves the complete transformation which is acted out in repentance, forgiveness, baptism, and receiving the spirit.”[1] ~ Levi Holland, <i>A Plain Account</i></p> <p>[1] Wright, N.T. Acts for Everyone: Chapters 1-12. Pg. 164</p>	← An equivalent experience would be people finding a TV show that they LOVE and telling others about it and discovering there are others out there with the same passion. Or a particular professor at a college - everyone wants to take that person’s class. Or a coach, or a doctor, or a theologian, the Keto diet, etc.	<p>⇐ NT Wright’s quote: Discuss how God’s invitation “as we are” vs. God’s intention to transform are different.</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	“I sometimes wonder if Peter almost choked on	Peter had been raised to KNOW God showed	Make a sticky note with Peter’s words “God does

<p>MWD</p>	<p>the words: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism...” (34)</p> <p>Doug Bratt, <i>Center for Excellence in Preaching</i></p>	<p>favoritism - to God’s own people. The experience with Cornelius shattered that knowledge and opened him to a new understanding. It would be like discovering your parents are actually people or that your teacher has a life outside the classroom.</p>	<p>not show favoritism” and put it in a prominent place where you will see it for the next week or month. Everytime you look at it, consider anew how God dispenses favor on all God’s creation and see if that doesn’t make a difference in how you perceive it - and yourself.</p>
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