

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CAdv3x2015

Text: Luke 3:7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You **brood of vipers!** Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear **fruits** worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the **ax is lying at the root** of the trees; every **tree therefore that does not bear good fruit** is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 And the crowds asked him, “**What then should we do?**” 11 In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must **share with anyone who has none**; and whoever has food must do likewise.” 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, **what should we do?**” 13 He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 14 Soldiers also asked him, “And we, **what should we do?**” He said to them, “**Do not extort money from anyone** by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and **all were questioning in their hearts concerning John**, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with **water**; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the **wheat** into his granary; but the **chaff** he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	whole passage! so much verbal imagery! (see Natural below)		
Eye - Visual/Spatial	ax lying at the root	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chopping down a tree - warning/reality for trees (disciples) that do not bear fruit • remember your baptism • baptism by fire or with fire 	have water in the baptismal font; lift and drop the water for people to see (and hear), reminding them of their baptism. Then consider what baptism with fire would be! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • butane fireball stunt? magician’s flash paper
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	What should we do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unquenchable fire -- like Malachi’s refiner’s fire. People interpret this 	How heavy is a quart of milk?

		<p>in terms of hell being perpetual conscious torment, but it is the fire that is perpetual. It's purpose is to refine the dross.</p> <p>When you are ready to let go of the dross that you cling to, it will be consumed, and you will be free to be what you are intended to be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • baptism by fire 	<p><i>see body SFX in Philipians</i></p> <p>- holding a weight until it becomes too much then letting go of it</p>
Musical			
Natural	<p>vipers, stones, root of the tree, bear good fruit, water, wheat and chaff</p>	<p>how do plants bear fruit? what is the process? how do humans partner with that?</p>	<p>do you know a vintner? Ask that person how does one graft a vine onto a branch? Why? Interview a horticulturist or master gardener - how does one grow a good garden?</p>
People - Interpersonal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should we do? • Share what you have, don't take what is not yours 	<p>time to talk about ministry/mission opportunities in your congregation!</p>	<p>insert a minute for mission at this point - what is your congregation doing to help/share/unburden others?</p> <p><i>See Isaiah's nature and math smarts</i></p>
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>all were questioning in their hearts concerning John</p>	<p>who acts as a prophet in your life? Who brings you the word and motivates you to act?</p>	<p>include a blank piece of paper in your bulletin - or have one available - and encourage people to write a thank you note to the prophets in their lives. Send it on if that is appropriate.</p> <p><i>see also Isaiah</i></p>