

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 19x2016

Text: Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 *Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.* 3 *The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.* 4 *Ah, sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, offspring who do evil, children who deal corruptly, who have forsaken the Lord, who have despised the Holy One of Israel, who are utterly estranged!* 5 *Why do you seek further beatings? Why do you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.* 6 *From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and bleeding wounds; they have not been drained, or bound up, or softened with oil.* 7 *Your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.* 8 *And daughter Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a shelter in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.* 9 *If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.*

10 *Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!* 11 *What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.* 12 *When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; 13 bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.* 14 *Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.* 15 *When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.*

16 *Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,* 17 *learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.* 18 *Come now, let us argue it out,* says the Lord: *though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.* 19 *If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

Word - , Eye - , Math - , Body - , Music - , Nature - , People - , Self -

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Hear = listen = obey but	Drill sergeants. Drum	Portray God as a traffic

	not through compulsion. Obedience comes from gratitude	<p>majors. Coxswains. Surgeons. Traffic cops.</p> <p>People who give directions/orders and expect immediate results. Reasons? Efficiency and responsiveness; group cohesion; safety.</p>	cop! Or a surgeon! If we would automatically obey someone in one of these roles, why do we not do the same with God who loves us?
Eye - Visual/Spatial	People stood to pray with their hands lifted up to honor God, only their hands are blood stained. Kinda gruesome image.	Distorted view of themselves. Fun house mirrors warp reflections.	<p>This is an old youth group game. You need two people; one person is in front of the other and a sheet, towel, or large t-shirt is put on over both. The person in back puts hands through to the front while the person in front does not use hands. Then, go through a series of activities (brushing hair, putting on lipstick, shaving, tying a tie, etc.). The idea is that without proper perspective or vision, even the simplest tasks are disastrous. And pretty hilarious.</p> <p>Helping Hands on Whose Line Is It Any Way?</p>
Math - Logical/Mathematical	<p>If, then argument</p> <p>If God has compassion for the world, then we have compassion for the world.</p> <p>If you rebel, then you lose God's protection.</p>	Solve for "x". OR geometry proof, using rules/givens about one thing or sets of things, you can "prove" or "solve" a problem using logical steps.	
Body - Kinesthetic	Bodies that have been through trauma; bodies that have been cared for	Not to be too gruesome ala the passage; but think of a time when a splinter festered. Or, when a wound got bandaged up.	
Musical	"All I have needed thy hand hath provided..."		
Natural	Animals know who they can trust - why can't	"I'm suspicious of people who don't like dogs, but I	V. 18 - Adding ammonia to phenolphthalein will make

	humans?	trust a dog when it doesn't like a person,"	<p>the solution turn red. Adding it to an acid will reverse the effect.</p> <p>WARNING!! Caustic chemicals! Be careful with this and use eye protection at the very least, and follow the instructions here.</p> <p>(But it would be really cool to show your sins, red as scarlet being made clear if not white as snow.)</p> <p>Phenolphthalein is a pH indicator and may be found at pool supply stores, according to what I found. I don't know if you could get away with a less acidic solution than is described here, like white vinegar. Might be worth a try.</p>
People - Interpersonal	This is worship; making the light of God visible in the world		<p>Break into groups. Brainstorm some concrete ways to "be light" in the coming week. Decide on two (or three). Practice them during the week and then report back to the group next Sunday.</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	Examine one's own heart and conscience; what is preventing you from bearing light?		See People