

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 20x2016

Text: Luke 12:49-56

49 “I came to bring **fire to the earth**, and **how I wish it were already kindled!** 50 I have a **baptism** with which to be baptized, and **what stress I am under until it is completed!** 51 **Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!** 52 **From now on five in one household will be divided**, three against two and two against three; 53 **they will be divided**: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

54 He also said to the crowds, “**When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but **why do you not know how to interpret the present time?****”

PEI - {MWD} People {D2} Self

Word - I, Eye - I/S, Body - I, Nature - I/S, People - I, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic		Vs. 51 - (via 2B+B) “If it ain’t broke, break it!” A switch on the old saw!	
Eye - Visual/Spatial		Signs of the times: Campaign signs; corporate signs; team logos; road signs; each set of signs carries information to us and about us as a society. What do the signs of our times say about us?	(Revisit the Baptism by Fire from earlier episode, if you haven’t used it) Display various types of signs, and talk about what they tell us and say about us.
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic		V. 50 - Baptism as a passage through death: Our theology 01 professor at seminary, when speaking about baptising babies,	

		encouraged the use of cold water and lots of it to make the babies cry, because this is an act of existential crisis! We are uniting them with death in Christ!	
Musical			
Natural		<p>Reading the signs of the weather is knowledge gained from experience and also passed from generation to generation through observation of patterns. (Red sky at night, sailors' delight, etc.)</p> <p>Jesus may be calling them hypocrites for being able to read the weather but not historical patterns of political dealings w/empires, nationalism, reliance on religious form instead of justice, etc., things that got Israel and Judah in trouble repeatedly. [see also People]</p>	<p>Show pictures of different natural signs to see if people can figure out what they mean: Red sky, moss on a tree (not a reliable pointer of direction really), woolly caterpillar, etc.</p> <p>If you really want to drive the point home, consider following these with pictures of such as refugees, human suffering, injustice, and so on.</p> <p>V. 51 - Bring a few black walnuts in the shell. Talk about how people love walnuts, especially fresh ones. Offer to give someone some walnuts to eat, then hand them the nuts still in their shells. These are very hard to open, even with a hammer! But you have to break them before you can get to the good stuff. Perhaps this is what Jesus is talking about when he says he is bringing division.</p>
People - Interpersonal		Vss. 51-53 - for the early church, converts were often at odds with the religion of their family, but after the mid 300s when the Empire became	

		<p>Christian (“Christendom”), then everyone was automatically Christian -- no need for dividing families. Did this improve the situation or nullify the urgency and dedication that Christ requires in his followers?</p> <p>[Our interpretation of the division in the text should take the 1st C. view that it is between Christians and pagans, rather than Christendom, where it would be division within the church.]</p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>			<p>Ask: What keeps you from seeing or interpreting the present times as Jesus did? Does it have anything to do with recognizing that your aren’t?</p>