

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 25x2016

Text: Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1

The Prophet Mourns for the People

18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

19 Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

20 “The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

22 Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

9:1 O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} People {D2} People / Self (empathy)

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

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			To have a sense of modern devastation of a city and its people: Drone video from Aleppo ; CNN - Aleppo before and after

Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	Vs. 9		Explore some postures of suffering and grief: Hands to the face or holding the head, hands over heart, self-hug, rocking, hands stretched up in supplication, etc.
Musical		Playlist of modern laments	
Natural	Harvest past, summer ended = expectation that God would deliver the goods	Counting on a good harvest in changing conditions Hoping for good monsoon	
People - Interpersonal	Provoking God Unfaithfulness of the people	Parents watching children making poor decisions - see the consequences coming down the road Anguish of mother whose daughter died after 3rd heroin overdose If there is any good news in this pericope, it is that God weeps over us and shares our pain, even when it is self-inflicted and at God's own expense	Reflect on the ministries in your congregation or denomination wherein members help others by being present in their suffering
Self - Intrapersonal	Jeremiah and God weep for the people and their fate	Depth of commitment to another; weep with others, rejoice with others Why Worship Music Should Be Sadder	