

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 27x2016

Text: Lamentations 1:1-6 & 3:19-26

1 How **lonely** sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a **widow** she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.

2 She **weeps** bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has **no one to comfort her**;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

4 The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.

5 Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

6 From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

20 My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

21 But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} Word {D2} Self

Word - SFX , Eye - SFX, Music - I/SFX, People - I, Self - SFX

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	The lamentations reading is an acrostic poem that catalogs the woes of Israel. So....	read or have available some poems by Langston Hughes or Maya Angelou re: the upset between black communities and police. Or, if there is a particular issue in your congregation, find poems or a poet who speaks to the situation honestly.	Word Smart - (sfx) List words that describe feelings about your current situation (personal or congregational). Arrange them as an acrostic going down the left side of a book mark or some such. (Sfx pt2) After sitting with the catalog of woes for a while, turn the piece over and pile up declarations of God's blessing. Say good-bye to old world; welcome to the new one. OR AND ALSO

			Present this reading in two voices; the narrator and the widowed Jerusalem...
Eye - Visual/Spatial			Eye smart - couple this image with the reading suggested above- use a costume for the weeping widow - what would she look like? Dressed in black? Wearing pearls? wearing rags? covered in dust?
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic			
Musical		<p>Music smart - sing the blues AGAIN</p> <p>Great is Thy Faithfulness A Congregational Lament</p> <p>An excellent article about Christians singing the blues</p>	<p>Music smart - (sfx) Begin your sermon by singing a hymn commonly associated with funerals - and don't sing the hopeful lines. OR use a familiar tune to a funeral hymn and write lyrics that honestly lament the world today.</p>
Natural		wormwood and gall	
People - Interpersonal		<p>Catherine Cavazos Renkin - Between Text and Sermon:</p> <p>A woman who first started coming to her church after her mother died was overcome one day by the old familiar organ music, she began to weep. A member of the congregation sitting nearby handed her a tissue and asked if she was okay. She explained the situation and the other woman said, "Oh honey, you just come</p>	<p>Israel = defenseless widow who are defenseless widows today?</p> <p>(Aleppo for sure)</p>

		back here and sit with me and we'll cry together.”	
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>Hope in suffering; the Lord's goodness; mercy everyday</p> <p>Shares with Timothy and Luke that disciplined living allows for mercy to break into darkness</p>		<p>Self Smart - (sfx) Keep the catalog of woes (and list of blessings) near your bed or desk or in your car - anywhere you will see it regularly for a week. Let it live life with you and pay attention to how living honestly with God makes a difference.</p>