

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about **their need to pray always** and **not to lose heart**. 2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who **neither feared God nor had respect for people**. 3 In that city there was a widow who **kept coming** to him and saying, ‘Grant me **justice** against my **opponent**.’ 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though **I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone**, 5 yet because **this widow keeps bothering me**, I will grant her **justice**, so that she may not wear me out by **continually coming**.’”

6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the **unjust** judge says. 7 **And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?** 8 I tell you, **he will quickly grant justice to them**. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, **will he find faith on earth?**”

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} People {D2} People

Word - I, Eye - I, Math - I, Body - I/Sfx, Music - I, People - I/Sfx, Self - I/Sfx

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Dik - "what is right" “Adversary” is literally anti-justice, just as “vindicate” is literally out of - justice.	Justice = ek-dik-eo Opponent = anti-dik-os Unjust = a-dik-ia	
Eye - Visual/Spatial		The widow in the parable lives in Technicolor! She is very alive and in motion. the judge’s life is like the movie Groundhog Day - the same thing over and over - here she comes again! Better find a way to make this stop.	
Math - Logical/Mathematical		The lesser to greater argument! If-then-therefore - If a thug judge will give	

		in to pleading, then a good God will act quickly; therefore do not lose heart	
Body - Kinesthetic		"wear me out" - the colloquial phrase for a beating, is it not?	prayer walks - go out into the neighborhood and pray for each house/business
Musical		Let Streams of Living Justice By William Whitla Unanswered Yet	
Natural			
People - Interpersonal	Even though the sfx could also fit in self smart, I put them in people so this could be done as a group project. Support and encourage one another and also report back if something happens!	Socially controversial efforts to affect change: #OWS #BLM marches, sit ins of the 60's, Standing Rock reservation, the original Tea Party, the Presbyterian Revolt, women's suffrage	Haul out last year's Christmas cards and pray for the people who sent them Go home and pray for each person in the church directory Pray together for those who seek justice. Try to put aside your own politics or judgment of the situation, and seek the mind of the one who wants that justice. Stage the parable and Jesus' comments as readers theatre or pantomime
Self - Intrapersonal	We can be persistent because God is!	Prayer like a hammer - but one that works on the individual praying, making that person the vessel to hold what comes about as a result CS Lewis said something like: I don't pray because it changes God, but because it changes me. What are some things	1 - who are the faithful widows in your life? 2 - what yearning for (righteous) change do you have? What do you earnestly desire to be different? pray for it every day for a month (reassess, and then do it again!)

		that make people lose heart? How can we restore their hope? Is this what Jesus meant in his last question? See also People Smart	
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