

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 5:13-20

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Eye - I/S, Math - I/S, Body - I, People - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Covered by a bushel basket - not extinguished but rendered ineffective.	A festival in Arizona! (Scroll down for the history of the event.)	Bring in some lanterns and light ‘em up! (If your worship happens in the evening, turn off the electric lights and preach/lead worship by their light only.) In conjunction with Self below, cover your lantern with various bushel baskets labeled with words like FEAR, APATHY, BUSY, etc.
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Vs 17 Just what does this	Fulfilling and upholding is like completing a	Inflate a balloon.

	<p>mean? Do we keep all those commandments or just the ones we like to impose on ourselves and others? Do we “just follow Jesus” and hope it all works out in the end?</p> <p>The emphasis is not on abandoning or abolishing, but fulfilling and upholding.</p>	<p>jigsaw puzzle or fitting paving stones in a sidewalk. [Tetris!]</p> <p>It may be similar to taking a project that could be done fairly simply and easily and investing more time, attention, and money into it which makes it beautiful and beneficial.</p> <p>Building a basic dobsonian telescope vs. something a little more elegant</p> <p>Per abolishing laws, here are some crazy laws still on the books in various states.</p>	<p>Fill up a glass with water.</p> <p>Hold up a ball of yarn that is becoming a sweater.</p> <p>Show a pile of wood that will become a bookcase, table, chair, etc.</p> <p>Martha Stewart is all about this!</p>
Body - Kinesthetic	Let your light shine	<p>Smiling! Assisting others! Laughing!</p> <p>Too much salt? My cooking mistake, following the recipe that called for ¼ cup of salt in a glaze for fish. {What would it mean to be <i>too much salt</i> in Jesus’ metaphor?} Too little salt, though, can make food bland. Too little salt in your body can make you weak.</p>	
Musical			<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>
Natural		<p>Salt is an abundant natural resource with many applications for use.</p> <p>A 2014 documentary film following photographer</p>	Does anyone have a salt lamp ? Bring it in.

		<p>Sebastiao Salgado's 40 year career.</p>	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>Light and salt = default position/identity of Jesus' followers</p> <p>Vs. 19 Lived out theology</p>	<p>“We have a lot of information about Jesus, about God, about the Holy Spirit to share, but that’s as far as it goes. We tend to amass information for information’s sake and not for the sake of the difference it might actually make for another. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds us that knowledge about God cannot exist as simply knowledge. Knowledge about God, theology, if you will, is God’s very presence in the world. It is not enough to know about God. As disciples, we have to be the activity of God in the world. We are called to live out our identity as salt and light.” ~Karoline Lewis, WP</p> <p>Passing a motorist on the highway with car trouble; seeing what is what, telling the other occupants of your car precisely what the problem is and NOT stopping to help.</p> <p>Being in line behind someone in a check-out lane who is struggling to unload the cart and just watching.</p> <p>Allowing an offensive or easily rebuffed comment on social media or IRL to stand unchallenged.</p>	<p>Gather with a couple other people and brainstorm some ways to live out theology.</p> <p>Does your congregation have a mission statement or statement of purpose?</p> <p>Look at that and come up with four to five concrete ideas to help that mission or idea come to life in the next month. Promise to be accountable to one another and report back during and at the end of that time.</p>

Self - Intrapersonal	<p>The light inherent in us through Jesus can only be diminished through our own covering.</p> <p>If we think of the scribes and Pharisees in our stereotypical role as overly concerned with others' morality hypocrites, this is not a challenge at all - except in not descending into that stereotype ourselves by judging them!</p> <p>But to this original audience, the scribes and Pharisees were devout people who had dedicated their lives to God's law. The bar was in fact set high.</p>	<p>Some analogies for outdoing a pro:</p> <p>Outplaying Serena Williams at tennis</p> <p>Writing code for a virtual reality computer game with no training</p> <p>Replacing the ACA with a stellar health care plan</p> <p>Writing a best selling novel at one go, first draft</p>	<p>What are the bushels we place over our light? Insecurity? Longing for a glorious past? Fear? Apathy? Business?</p> <p>Jesus expects excellence in his disciples.</p> <p>Spend some time this week designing a workout calendar for your spiritual life. What parts need "pumping up"? What parts need simple upkeep? Don't forget leg day.</p>