More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3 "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." 6 "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" 8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Math - I, Body - I/S , Nature - I, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Hear what the lord says through the world	Thunder rolling through a valley	

	around you burnt offerings = "olah" In a burnt offering, nothing is left for the people. Normally an offering to please the gods allowed for fat to burn for the gods, and meat for the humans. But in a burnt offering to God, <u>nothing was</u> <u>left over.</u> In short, it is a total sacrifice, leaving no food behind for either the one making the sacrifice or even the priest.	Wind blowing through trees (See also Nature)	
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Vss. 4-5	Memories of what God has done for the people by releasing them from captivity. God seems perplexed that they have re-imprisoned themselves.	
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Since the one who created the earth (which is now echoing God's words) is bringing a suit against the people, what could possibly be offered to counter it or settle the case? It will be a high price and Micah puts forth a suggestion that the people will offer up their own futures. God says no, just live like I intended you to.	It's like being brought into court on serious charges and spending sleepless nights wondering how you will find assets to pay the fine. But when you get to court, the case is dismissed on the condition you agree to community service. From a legal point of view, this is absurd. Grace usually is, though! (Scrooge dressing Bob Cratchit down on Dec.26 by raising his salary)	See self smart below
Body - Kinesthetic		Rising = being seen, taking a stand (in African American churches,	As the service continues OR in the next few weeks OR during Lent, invite

		<pre>when someone feels the Spirit, they rise to their feet as a testimony to that experience) Bowing = submitting, being willing to accept God's judgement (prostration, Muslim prayers) walk = full body action, governing our entire sphere of action. God wants the totality of society, but also the totality of our own actions, to be in line with his will.</pre>	 people to stand when they feel something has really connected with them. If that is too much physically or too much to risk, then raise their hands or turn their palms upright on their laps. And, if people feel as though they need to accept a just word from God, bow their head, close their eyes, claps hands, etc. Be aware of your walking this week; as you move notice what is moving on your body and think about how all of it needs to cooperate to get to where you are going. You could have some parts giving you trouble so consider how much more effort has to go into moving when parts are not cooperating (see People) [QWOP]
Musical		<u>What Does the Lord</u> <u>Require of You?</u> Jim and Jean Strathdee	
Natural	Mountains foundations The world itself will make God's case Offerings made to God from nature - who is the jury	Israel is the defendant in this lawsuit and the physical earth is the jury who will hear the case. Might these mountains be Gerizim and Ebal, the mountains of testimony from Deuteronomy 11:26-32? Shittim was the last camp before crossing the Jordan, Gilgal was the first camp after. <u>Vis.</u>	How has our physical earth served as a jury for our relationship with God? Have we cared for it well? Is it producing resources for us or is it too exhausted?

People - Interpersonal	Vs. 2b Controversy = Hebrew strife, lawsuit Vss 4-5 The evidence against the people and for God's case.	God is bringing the people to court. This seems harsh, but God has tried other avenues with no response. "Don't make me come . down there!" 	We think of God as infinitely patient; what would cause this God to sue God's own people? How bad must it have become? (or are we wrong about that infinite patience?) What parts of the Body are making movement difficult? Keep in mind, this is not an exercise to dump on those with whom you disagree or don't like; this is an exercise to look clearly at problems or challenges and work towards strategies that will address and strengthen them. So keep yourself in the mix in answering this question.
Self - Intrapersonal		Who's going to win a lawsuit against God? Suggested compensation of one's first born is excessive so being told to live a just, kind, humble life is counterintuitive. What would it feel like to have to offer your firstborn or someone else you love dearly in return for your sin? What, then, does it feel like to know God has offered God's firstborn for your sin?	Which is more difficult? Giving up your children/loved ones to God [for your sin] or living a just life?