

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AOrd14x2017

Text: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

16 “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 17 ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

*20 Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. 21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”*

25 At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Body - I/S, Music - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	anapausin - “sabbath rest, the kind of rest that puts a person on the road to recovery” John Petty, Progressive Involvement		
Eye - Visual/Spatial	God was at work in both Jesus and John. They did not look nor act alike.		

<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>	<p>That people are so quick to dismiss a person's merits on the basis of their perceived "affiliations" is apparently nothing new. <a href="#">Colin Yuckman</a>, WP</p>	<p>This past election is a great example of this principle: when you discovered that someone you knew voted for one or the other of the candidates, did your opinion of that person change?</p> <p>Also, if you decide you cannot hear a person for the company they keep, you are absolved from listening in the first place. See also <a href="#">People</a>, <a href="#">Self</a></p>	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic D2</p>		<p>Vs. 29-30 <a href="#">Human-pulled plows discussion</a></p> <p>Jesus' yoke might be like high tech athletic equipment - designed to assist the body.</p> <p>Vs. 28- 30 <a href="#">OSHA recommendations</a> for heavy-lifting safety</p> <p><a href="#">Guidelines</a> for safe lifting, pulling, and pushing in health care service.</p> <p>Vs. 25 - Going along with article in <a href="#">Self Smart: article on infantile amnesia</a></p>	<p>Vs. 28- 30 - Have a wheelbarrow's worth of big, heavy rocks (or equivalent) in a box or on a tarp in the sanctuary. Invite a volunteer to try to move them across the floor.</p> <p>Next, attach a harness (rope? leather? webbed straps? etc.) to the load and the volunteer. Theory suggests this should make it easier to move the load. You'll want to try this one out beforehand to make sure it works.</p> <p>Point being, if you have to drag the load any way, having a yoke might make it easier and lighter.</p> <p><a href="#">Here's a video</a> that sort of proves the point.</p> <p><a href="#">Another page with videos</a> on building a weight sled for strength training. This would be just the thing to use!</p>
<p>Musical MWD</p>		<p>V. 16-19 - Perhaps you have folks literally like this in your church? "Don't pick those dirgey</p>	<p>V. 16-19 - Ask your musician(s) to prepare a peppy dance number and a funeral dirge to play as</p>

		<p>hymns; they're dreary and hard to sing. Don't pick those praise songs; they're vapid and repetitive, and don't expect ME to clap my hands."</p> <p>(Not sure how you will use this safely if you do have them. Good luck.)</p>	<p>you read or discuss these verses. Contemplate the reactions of the people Jesus was talking about.</p>
Natural	<p>infants = <i>nepios</i>, or unspeaking</p>	<p>who are the unspeaking in our world? Infants who do not have the power of speech, those who cannot speak due to deformity or injury or illness, those on the autism spectrum, those who are locked in dementia or other cognitive challenges...</p>	
People - Interpersonal	<p>yoke - can either be the one worn over shoulders or the yoke of oxen</p>	<p>Yoke of oxen, the effort is not solitary but in tandem. Who is the partner? Another believer or Jesus?</p> <p>fear is a burden anger is a burden</p>	
Self - Intrapersonal D2	<p>weary and overburdened - maybe by the hopeless conflict about which Paul writes?</p>	<p>"In a sense, we are all weary and overburdened. In our depths lies hidden a poverty which, because it frightens us, oppresses us and drags us down. In the words of this passage, Christ welcomes us in our vulnerability and does not seem to be afraid of it. "</p> <p><a href="#">commented Bible passages Taize</a></p> <p>Vs.25 -an article by a grandmother: <a href="#">Babies are born knowing everything we've forgotten</a></p>	<p>Vv. 28-29 - Remember a time when you felt unburdened after a hard stretch of work. Think how it felt in your body, your mind, your spirit. How does Jesus offer feel like that? What burdens are you carrying for which you want Jesus' sabbath rest? What will it take for you to take Jesus up on his offer?</p>

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***Note on non-lectionary section of this reading:***

If you choose to preach on the “woe” passage, we had a thought or two about how you might use the intelligences in those verses. Corazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum ***should*** have recognized Jesus’ ministry and identity as Messiah but they did not. It could have been they did not trust him; who could blame them when he did not fit their ideal of what Messiah would look like or do? Jesus gives three Gentile, hedonistic cities known to the audience of his day a kinder, gentler word than these three Jewish cities because they were only hurting themselves through their behavior. The people who could not or would not trust Jesus became infected with a poison that permeated everything and rippled outward to affect the lives of others in the cities who might have been able to trust if they had been given the chance.

Maybe this mistrust is sort of the millstone around the neck for making a little one stumble?

Hedonism and living for the day have their own effects but they may be focused simply on the person indulging in them; mistrust seeps outward and infects the atmosphere, poisoning everyone. So, you could illustrate and / or demonstrate this idea in the following ways:

- Logic smart - recognizing the social and psychological effects of extreme division
- Nature smart - the effects of dumping toxins in the air, soil, and water
- People smart - the effects of being around cynical/toxic people
- Self smart - recognizing that an inability to trust hurts more than just you