

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BOrd16x2018

Text Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and **told him** all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, “**Come away** to a deserted place all by yourselves and **rest a while**.” For many were coming and going, and they **had no leisure** even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a **deserted place** by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he **saw a great crowd**; and he **had compassion** for them, because they were like **sheep without a shepherd**; and he began to teach them many things. 35 *When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; 36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” 37 But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” 38 And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” 39 Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And all ate and were filled; 43 and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.*

45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

47 When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. 49 But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” 51 Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got out of the boat, **people at once recognized him**, 55 and **rushed about** that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, **they** laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might **touch even the fringe** of his cloak; and **all who touched it were healed**.

Word - S, Eye - I, Body - I, Music - S, Nature - I, People - B, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic D2</p>	<p>3rd definition of “retreat” in Merriam-Webster: : a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study, or instruction under a director</p>		<p>Try doing a sermon using a first person account as one of the disciples returning to tell Jesus about your experiences. Tie in the way news about Jesus is spreading quickly and attracting the attention of Herod and all the people of the countryside. How would it happen today with Twitter and Instagram? <i>Also PEOPLE for drama</i></p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD</p>		<p>Vss. 31, 34, 55 - From the World Cup in South Africa 2010 Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl parade, 2018 DC Women’s Protest, January 21, 2017 Unknown location in this picture, but WOW <i>Also PEOPLE for crowds</i></p> <p>Scenes in movie <i>The Right Stuff</i> where the press reporters are closing in on the astronauts’ family home, and they sound like locusts.</p> <p>Vs. 34 - Scene from <i>The Rescuers Down Under</i> where Wilbur the albatross is convinced by Miss Bianca and Bernard to go to Australia to save a little boy who has been kidnapped. Wilbur turns from being entirely dismissive of the trip to a passionate ally because of his compassion for the</p>	

		boy. [Why an albatross might be so concerned for a boy's wellbeing is not explained, but we will praise compassion wherever we find it.]	
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic D2	To feel compassion for, or have pity on = Σπλαγχνίζομαι This word is derived from <i>splanxna</i> which means "the inward parts" (it also sounds a bit like <i>Spanx</i> which is a modern girdle that holds those middle parts in!)	Essentially, Mark is saying Jesus saw these people and was gut punched or heart broken or had the air knocked out of him. It might be a similar feeling many people had to seeing children sleeping in cages... (see Wilbur in EYE above)	
Musical D2			Some songs based on this lectionary passage! A song by John Bell "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"
Natural MWD	Deserted place Ἔρημος = deserted, desolate, waste	Maktesh Ramon in the Negev This is pretty far south for Jesus and the disciples to get to in a short day's journey and doesn't fit the geography of travelling by boat to get there, but isn't it beautiful? The actual place was probably near modern day Tabgha . Where is there a deserted place near you? <i>See our episode</i>	Wildlife throughout Israel We've done the "sheep without shepherds" before.... Not certain which episode

		BOrd5x2018 for some ideas about deserted places.	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Someone has learned at a very tender age not to trust paparazzi. Can't say I blame her.</p>	<p>Break into groups and discuss a time when you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were in a large, energized crowd; where was it and what was going on? • Heard about a well known person coming into your area and rushed to go there • Had an ill loved one and dropped everything to get them help • Went on a retreat. Where did you go and did it help you?
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>Have you ever gone into a big city and been approached by someone begging for money? Or seen someone sitting with a sign and a cup? Or seen an apparently homeless person sleeping on a bench or a grating?</p> <p>What do you do with that? Do you give to the beggars? Do you put something in the cup? Do you have pity or contempt or fear or anger or all or none of the above?</p> <p>Me, too.</p> <p>Jill Duffield's article in the Presbyterian Outlook.</p>	<p>Have you ever been so consumed by your ministry that you had no time to eat anything? Or, at least anything that is good for you and in a pace that doesn't induce heartburn?</p> <p>Me, too.</p> <p>Demonstrate this with a little skit. Start your sermon, and say that because you have much to do after the service you won't have time to eat, so you're just going to have a little bite now, and pull out a sandwich and a piece of fruit. But just before you can get a bite, have someone prepped to come ask you about an urgent church matter. You answer the question. And just as you are about to take a bite, another person comes to tell about</p>

			<p>someone in the hospital. You take the information. As you are about to take a bite, someone else comes with another urgent matter. Let this happen as many times as seems enough.</p> <p>Afterward, point out that you are not suggesting anything unique to ministry. Many people have jobs where such a scene might happen. And it even happened to Jesus and the disciples.</p> <p>How does it make you feel to see someone in such a situation? Can you identify? Do you have compassion?</p>
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