

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CLent3x2016

Text: [Isaiah 55:1-13](#)

Ho, everyone who **thirsts**, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and **eat!** Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? **Listen** carefully to me, and **eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.** 3 **Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.** I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 **See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.** 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 **let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.** 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9 **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.** 10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 **For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.** 13 **Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;** and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word - I/sfx, Eye - I/sfx, Body - I/sfx, Music - I/sfx, Nature - I/sfx

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	incline your ear and come to me; listen, so that you may live	<p>paying attention to flight attendants; listening to emergency evacuation instructions; obeying life guards at swimming pools or the beach</p> <p>What words lead to life?</p> <p>I love you; I'm proud of you; good work; thanks, friend; give me a hand..... I need you</p>	<p>"Jaws" (1975) Get out of the water! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rW23RsUTb2Y</p> <p>(and then I got distracted watching clips....</p> <p>Fill the liturgy and sermon with life positive words; images that instill shalom. be overt and subtle</p>

	vs. 11 word goes out... returns to me... purpose for which I sent it	<p>words have power to create reality - how do the things we say “make a world” for those who hear us? what kinds of world do we create with what we say?</p> <p>Think about how we speak with friends, co-workers, clients, bosses, employees, lovers, parents, children, students</p> <p>What purpose do our words have?</p>	<p>make an acrostic poem with the words “purpose” “return” “accomplish” etc. and insert it in the bulletin. Encourage your congregation to make one, too.</p> <p>for an example of how they work, see this: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acrostic#Examples</p>
Eye - Visual/Spatial	I made him a witness....	<p>Seeing is believing - how do we witness leadership?</p> <p>is it someone standing up front? is is someone doing something kind? Is it someone not doing or saying anything at all but simply being?</p>	<p>explore the words “witness” and “leader” in images...</p> <p>note about feast images .. See below</p>
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food	<p>when do we feast? Why? Spend some time sharing a feast in which you have participated. Also, how does the experience shift depending on whether we are guests or hosts?</p>	<p>Bring a box of chocolate truffles to worship and hand them out to the congregation. (Or some other lovely rich morsel.) As you do this, talk about the abundant grace of God and how much God delights in providing for God’s children.</p>
Musical	all of the trees will clap their hands	<p>this is one of those times when intelligences converge - in the lyrics, we have images of trees clapping their hands! Encourage paying close attention to the words. (That’s word, eye, nature, and music smart all rolled</p>	<p>“Trees of the Field” http://www.hymnary.org/tune/trees_of_the_field_dauermann</p>

		into one!)	
Natural	vss. 9 (heavens are higher than the earth) & 13 cypress and myrtle	<p>how does one define “the heavens”?</p> <p>what scale do we use? we have a more nuanced understanding of how high above the earth “the heavens” are</p> <p>Cypress in lieu of thornbushes https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cupressus_sempervirens</p> <p>Myrtle in lieu of briars</p> <p>MANY species of myrtle - many have fragrant flowers and essential oils - eucalyptus is a kind of myrtle as is allspice https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myrtaceae</p>	<p>Felix Baumgartner’s space jump https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvbN-cWe0A0 (this is the full 20 minutes)</p> <p>graphic of earth’s atmosphere http://ete.cet.edu/gcc/?/volcanoes_layers/</p> <p>what plants have been used or can be used as a way to memorialize God?</p> <p>Cypress and myrtle are sometimes used in Advent wreaths, while briars and thorns are used in Lenten wreaths to represent the crown of thorns. Do with this what you can.</p>
People - Interpersonal	call nations you do not know - nations will run to you ... because God has glorified you	<p>identity of the U.S. in the mid to late 1800’s as the “land of opportunity”</p> <p>massive influx of immigration - why did they come here? why do they still want to come? has God “glorified” any specific country?</p>	
Self - Intrapersonal	vs. 7	<p><i>forsake</i> = shares root with <i>azab</i> which means “self” heh</p> <p>idolatrous thoughts</p> <p>abundant pardon - imagine being forgiven for something that is troubling you - now imagine that not only are you forgiven, but what</p>	

		you have done is forgotten. Is this possible?	
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