

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 15x2016

Text: Amos 7:7-17

This is **what he showed me**: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the Lord said to me, “**Amos, what do you see?**” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “**See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel**; I will never again pass them by; 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “**Amos has conspired against you** in the very center of the house of Israel; **the land is not able to bear all his words**. 11 For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, **go, flee away to the land of Judah**, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but **never again prophesy at Bethel**, for it is the **king’s sanctuary**, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but **I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees**, 15 and **the Lord took me from following the flock**, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ 16 “Now therefore **hear the word of the Lord**. You say, ‘**Do not prophesy** against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ 17 Therefore **thus says the Lord**: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

Primary expressed intelligence - *Eye [MWD] +People [D2]

*Eye - I/S, Body - I, Music - S, +People - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vss.10-17 are wrestling with the question of which word is true (plumb), Amos’ or Amaziah’s (even their names sound similar!)		
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Amaziah is trying to defend Bethel (as sacred space) from the “invading” Amos. Amos says the Lord will	Nightmare Google images for plumb not plumb	Obviously, get a plumb line.

	invade and pillage Israel, Bethel, and Amaziah's family in particular	<p>When the basement wall starts to show cracks, it's time to call an engineer.</p> <p>"You have been weighed, you have been measured, and you have been found wanting," mocks Prince Adhemar, as he admonishes William, a young squire posing as a knight in the 2001 movie adaptation of Chaucer's A Knight's Tale.</p> <p>When William defeats Prince Adhemar in the final jousting contest, he and his friends repeat these words to the fallen knight. (see also People)</p> <p>Mene, mene, tekel, uparshin, too!</p> <p>(While the prince and William are seeking to overcome each other, the Lord is hoping to fix the wall rather than tear it down)</p>	
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic		<p>What happens if your body is out of plumb? If you lean on one leg all the time or hunch your shoulders, it distributes the weight unevenly, causing uneven wear on your joints, which can be crippling later in life. See also <i>scoliosis</i></p>	
Musical			<p>Rap battle → <i>Hamilton-ize</i> the text between Amos and Amaziah</p>
Natural			
People - Interpersonal		Easy: political	This exercise may need to

		<p>campaigning in 21st c. America</p> <p>Amaziah does not challenge the content of Amos' message, instead he challenges where Amos speaks. Essentially, he deflects the message by initiating a turf war. Protecting his interests?</p>	<p>be closely shepherded: have people break into small groups and discuss how they know what is "true" in this political climate. What constitutes something that is "worth" trusting? Do the items you acknowledge as truthful and honest really match up to what God would deem them or are they more likely something that satisfies an emotional need?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>the Lord took me from following the flock</p> <p>One of those unexpected encounters and calls by God</p>	<p>For preachers in particular: Relate your own experience of being called by God to preach the word! What life did God call you away from, was the call a surprise to you?</p>	<p>Encourage your congregants to listen for God calling them to speak God's word. Maybe some have already been hearing it; encourage them to come talk with you about it.</p>