

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, 3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. *Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye; 5 and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the Lord; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?”*

6 Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” 8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; 12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. 13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} Math {D2} Eye

Word - I/S, Math - I/S, Nature - I, People - S, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vss. 3-5	Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me is the biggest lie we tell	It takes nine positives to outweigh the weight of a single negative remark.

		<p>ourselves. What words have hurt you (or your congregation) in the past?</p> <p>God gets the final word and it is never destruction; it is always renewal.</p>	<p>Make a list this week of the words you use; especially when your emotions are running high. Commuting, dealing with difficult coworker or neighbor or relation, reading comment threads.....</p> <p>When have difficult words others have said <i>to</i> you been (in retrospect) a blessing <i>for</i> you? Self</p> <p>If we were to find ourselves in a prison cell, what would our word to the world be?</p>
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical	<p><i>Frank Yamada - WP:</i> In the middle of city's impending destruction, Jeremiah makes an investment in the future stock of Judah's eventual restoration.</p> <p>Jeremiah, quite literally, puts his money where his mouth is.</p>	<p>Good investment strategies - what's the best one? Industries have grown up to answer this question.</p> <p>Baron Rothschild, "Buy when blood is flowing in the streets." (Todd Weir, Blooming Cactus)</p>	<p>Give everyone in your congregation an acorn (or some other type of nut or seed):</p> <p>Tell them to carry it around with them to remind them of the actions they take that will have future consequences for themselves and others. (see also Nature)</p>
Body - Kinesthetic			
Musical			
Natural		<p>What properties does clay have that make it a bronze age safe deposit box? (see also Dead Sea scrolls)</p> <p>planning planting tending harvesting a garden/field.</p> <p>lots of money to prepare and maintain lots of time to tend and</p>	

		harvest	
People - Interpersonal	<p>Vs. 14-15 Jeremiah's actions show that there is present work with results in the future, like:</p> <p>raising kids training animals investing money Working in the church</p>		<p>What have you - as a congregation - spent time doing that has had results in the present?</p> <p>What are you doing now that will have future results?</p>
Self - Intrapersonal		<p>"...There remains for us only the very narrow way, often extremely difficult to find, of living every day as if it were our last, and yet living in faith and responsibility as though there were to be a great future. It is not easy to be brave and keep that spirit alive, but it is imperative." <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison (Enlarged Edition; London: SCM Press, 1971), 14-15</i> See also Word</p>	<p>imagine you are signing the deed to the land of your youth - - where is it? What image comes to mind? why that spot?/house?</p> <p>Now imagine that you will one day go home to this place. what do you expect to do or see/ who do you expect to see</p> <p>does having this deed stored away in a safe place make living today feel any different?</p>