

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BAdv3x2017

Text: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

8 For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Word - S, Eye - B, Nature - B, People - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vs 1 - did you know...?</p> <p>“Prisoners, in the Bible, are not criminals or convicts, since incarceration was not the penalty for civilian criminal acts. Rather, they are prisoners of war, captives, hostages—victims of militarism or government oppression.”</p> <p>~Gretchen Wolff Pritchard, The Christian Century, December 1, 1993</p>		<p>Vs 1 - 2: Find out if it is possible to send written letters or cards to people in places devastated by war or nature. Write letters to people in prison or long term care. (If you choose this route, make it a long term investment.)</p> <p>Operation Gratitude, Veterans United Network (for veterans)</p> <p>Some important advice for sending mail to inmates</p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>Vs. 4 - Where are the “ruins and devastations” of the community your congregation serves? What would it look like for them to be rebuilt (particularly so that it would be part of the good news to the brokenhearted, captives, and mourners)?</p> <p>Cn. gentrification</p>	<p>Vs. 10 - Provide fashion design templates. Invite folks to design “garments of salvation” and “robes of righteousness”</p> <p>Female Male Female F&B Male S&F&B</p> <p>Building off this idea: Do you have anyone in your congregation who sews or works or has worked as a costume designer? Ask if they will bring in some of their work and talk about why they chose fabrics and designs and colors for that character.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>			
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>		<p>Vs. 1, 3 - Consider offering anointing with oil as a sign and seal of baptism, God’s call, God’s favor, healing, identification with Christ, etc., depending on your</p>	

		denomination's understanding thereof.	
Musical			Convert the passage into poetry. It already is, in Hebrew, so how hard could it be?
Natural D2		Vs. 3 - Describe the <u>characteristics</u> of an oak tree - tall, straight, long-lived, deciduous (seasonal), deeply and <u>widely rooted</u> - that might be figuratively descriptive of the righteous	Vs. 11 - plant some seeds in a pot - or perhaps an acorn (vs. 3)? - maybe during the sermon. Tend it during the week and bring it back to check its progress through Advent. (See also the Chia Pet, one of our first SFX)(it worked really well - for ONE of us ;-))
People - Interpersonal MWD			Vss. 1-3 - Ask people to identify who in your community (church or larger) would be the brokenhearted, captives, prisoners, and mourners? Why would God want to bring them good news? What would good news sound if you were among them? As a Christian (Christ-like one), is God choosing you to bring good news to such folk?
Self - Intrapersonal			Have you ever felt the Spirit of the Lord upon you? What was it like? How did you know that's what it was? How would you describe it to someone else?