

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Word - B, Eye - S, Math - I, Body - B, Nature - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic D2 <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>	“Jesus says that he has not come to establish just one more political kingdom in which the powerful win, the confident grin, and the rich pull all the strings. He has come to usher in a new order where the	← We are accustomed to the Beatitudes, so we don’t really grasp why this address was likely a huge upset for some and a massive injection of hope for others. MLK Jr’s “I Have a Dream” is similar; also Obama’s 2004	Make posters that say “BLESSED” and “ARE” and all the endings. Have three or more volunteers hold up the signs in order as the passage is read or anytime in the sermon that you use the words. See also <i>EYE</i>

	<p>last are first and where the truly excellent are the ones who get sneered at by the rest of the world.”</p> <p>~ Scott Hoezee, CEP</p>	<p>convention speech; words TO and ABOUT people that are not power brokers.</p> <p>See also <i>PEOPLE</i>, <i>SELF</i></p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>MWD</p> <p><i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i></p>			<p>Imagine the places where you usually go - work, school, supermarket, bus stop, neighbors' house, etc. In your imagination, look around at the places first with no people in them. Then imagine filling them with the people Jesus calls blessed. What do those people look like? Would you usually find them in those places you go? If not, where would you find them, and who usually fills your spaces?</p> <p>See also <i>PEOPLE</i>, <i>SELF</i></p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p> <p><i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i></p>	<p>“Some commentators have gone so far as to suggest the Beatitudes as a new decatalogue. Given next week's reading, in which Jesus says he has come to fulfill and not destroy the law, I'm more inclined to think of them as not a new law but a gloss on the old one.”</p> <p>Kat Banakis, <i>The Christian Century</i></p>	<p>← Georgetown University Law Center has some basic guidelines to reading, interpreting, and applying statutes. One guideline is for textualism, where “[judges] should look for the meaning of the text, not the intent of the legislature.” Jesus is reinterpreting and filling out Moses' law in this sermon, giving meaning to the text given to Moses.</p>	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p> <p><i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i></p>	<p>Vs 8 - pure in heart Κ α ρ δ ι α kardia (heart) seems simply to represent "the true self," what one really is, apart from pretense - if someone is κ α θ α ρ ός (clean, unstained), their true self is revealed</p>	<p>Think of all the ways we try to keep our hearts “clean” - exercise, diet, medications. We spend a lot of time and money keeping our biological heart “pure”; how much time and effort do we put into developing a “pure heart”? (Some SELF cross)</p>	<p>Interpretive movement - See below for an example</p> <p>If anyone is on a special “heart healthy” diet, ask them to think about adding prayer or Bible study to their routine.</p>

Musical <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>		<u><i>Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit</i></u> Carolyn Winfrey Gillette	
Natural <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>		Blessed are the gardeners who work manure into the soil, for they shall receive a bumper crop. - No crap, no crop! Heh. Heh, heh.	
People - Interpersonal <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>			
Self - Intrapersonal <i>Strengths</i> <i>Characteristics</i> <i>Expression</i>	Hoezee characterizes Mr. Beatitudes - how do we look like this guy?	You see, the life of Mr. (or Miss) Beatitude will be a busy and restless and maybe even a nettlesome one, not because he or she is trying to get to heaven, but because folks like this have seen the kingdom in Jesus, and they're not going to settle for less ever again.	Where have you "seen the kingdom"? Are you willing to go back to where you were before then? What might help you perceive it more clearly?

Matthew 5:3-10 (NRSV) The Beatitudes with Interpretive Motion

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Blessed

Start with hands above the head, then sweep down in front of the face and out to the sides at waist level, like a bucket of water over your head.

are the poor in spirit,

One hand over heart, the other as if pulling a thread down from the heart to the belly

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reach up for heaven, bring it into the heart

Blessed

<Same as above

are those who mourn,

Hide face in hands, bending forward slightly

for they will be comforted.

Give yourself a good hug

Blessed

<Same as above

are the meek,

Look away, hide behind upraised hand

for they will inherit the earth.

Make a circle with arms over head, bring it down into an embrace

Blessed

<Same as above

are those who hunger and thirst

Clutch at stomach and throat

for righteousness,

Clasp hands

for they will be filled.

As if holding two or three big bags of groceries

Blessed

<Same as above

are the merciful,

Tender look, tenderly caress someone's face

for they will receive mercy.

Tenderly caress own face, opposite side

Blessed

<Same as above

are the pure in heart,

Noble look, circle heart with one hand

for they will see God.

Look up, hands up to heaven

Blessed

are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed

are those who are persecuted

for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<Same as above

Start with hand up beside head, palms forward;
sweep them forward, crossing hands in front, as if
gathering something into a bunch

Cradle a child, look lovingly at child, then to heaven

<Same as above

Punch one fist into the other palm

Reach up for heaven...

bring it into the heart