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This engraving was published in the *Illustrated London News* in December 1863, illustrated by Frank Vizetelly. Depicted is the proprietary enslaver, his family, and their enslaved people listening to an older enslaved person preaching. The preaching enslaved person could read, but not write. The chapel that the mass is being held in was built for the enslaved workers of the plantation, hence the bareness. Also note the division between the enslaver, his son, and wife and daughter. The enslaver is closer to the enslaved people, who are his property. There is also space on the bench, which could imply separation between him and the enslaved people. His son is framed by the table and enslaved person who is preaching. This perhaps emphasized his role as heir to the plantation. The enslaved people depicted express ranging amounts of engagement; some are visibly tired, others are intent on hearing the preacher's words. The enslaved person preaching strikes a classical orator pose with his hand in the air with a couple figures sticking out. The wife and daughter of the enslaver are along the perimeter of engraving, maybe hinting to their minor role on the plantation.

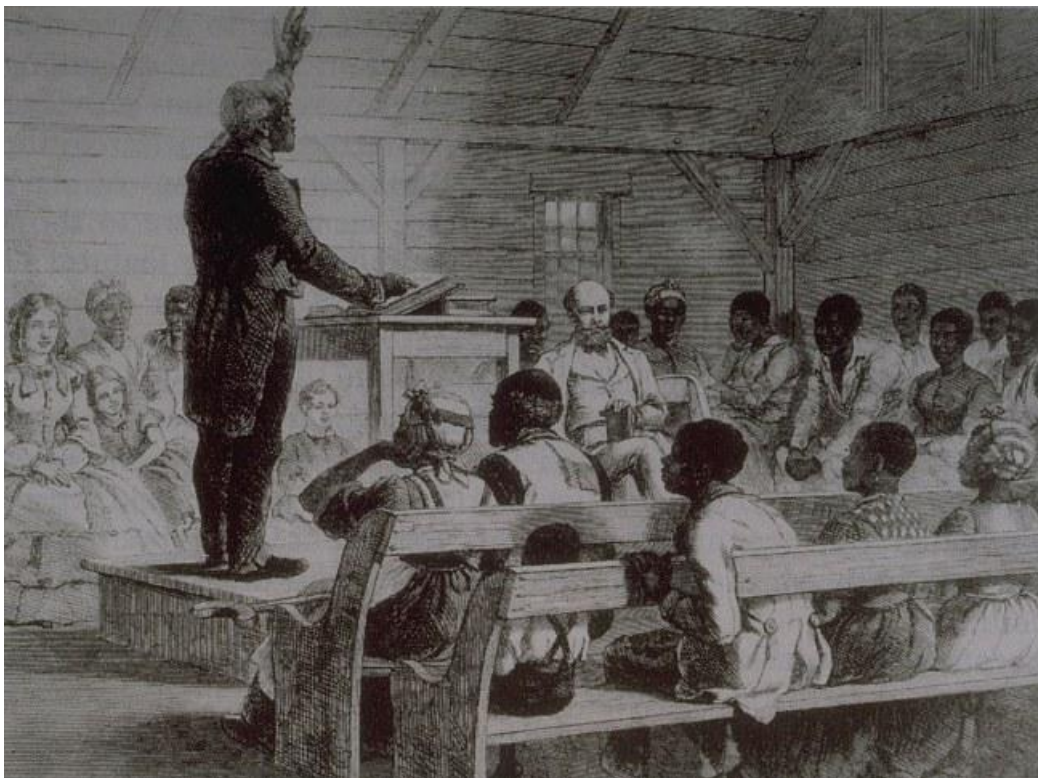
Below the "Family Worship" is an engraving titled "The War in America: The Federals Shelling the City of Charleston.--Shell Bursting in the Streets." Why do you think these two engravings were placed on the same page? Also, why would Great Britain be interested in the American South during the American Civil War? Who do you think read the *Illustrated London News*? Aristocracy? Middle class? Lower class?

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