

Parables of the Kingdom

Matthew 13:24-52 Jared Chasteen October 12, 2025

Two More Reasons Jesus Taught in Parables	
	To reveal himself as the Messiah (13:34-35)
•	To train his followers to proclaim the kingdom (13:51-52)
Three Lessons About the Kingdom from Jesus' Parables	
*	For now, the world is a mixture of kingdom citizens and kingdom outsiders, but the day is coming when the wicked will be taken away to eternal judgment and the righteous will dwell in the kingdom forever. (13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50)
•	The kingdom of heaven starts out small and seemingly insignificant, but it will grow and spread until it encompasses all creation. (13:31-33)
	The kingdom of heaven is a treasure worth joyfully giving everything else for! (13:44-45)



We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

Order of Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-6

"Come Thou Fount"

"How Great Is The Greatness Of God"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 32:1-5

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:9-10

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

"You've Already Won"

Praye

Sermon: Matthew 13:24-52

"The Wonderful Cross"

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

Prayer and Benediction

Announcements

Women's Worship Night

Friday, October 17th / 6:30 pm / Hope Community Church

Ladies, come join us for an extended time of prayer and fellowship as well as a chance to worship together in song.

Exploring Membership Class

Sundays, October 19 & 26 / 12:15-2:30 pm / Social Room (201)

Are you interested in membership at CFC, or would you simply like to learn about our church? Join us for this two-part class. Lunch will be provided. Sign up by October 15th at crossfellowshipchurch.org/membership

Women's Conference

Women, please consider joining us in Indianapolis in June for a conference for women about God. Please let us know you would like to go with the group at https://crossfellowshipchurch. churchcenter.com/people/forms/1039372. The cost ranges from \$135-\$580 plus meals depending upon your age, rooming preferences and role at the conference. More information about the costs breakdown on the sign-up form. Please reach out with any questions.

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, November 2 / 4-5:30 pm / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we'll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

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Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

Nursing Mothers

We offer a nursing mothers' room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

Children's Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer classes for the following ages & grade levels.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

K-6th grade

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

Infants (6 mo.) - Pre-K (4 yrs.)

Sundays at 6 p.m.

Youth group: 7th-12th grade

Offering

Thank you for your generosity!
There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)
- Online at crossfellowship church.org/give (scan the QR code)

*Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you!

