

## **The Purpose of Teaching in Parables**

- Jesus taught in parables to both conceal and reveal truth. (13:10-17)
  - For those who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, the parables concealed truth and pronounced judgement. (13:11-15)
  - For those who accepted Jesus as the Messiah, the parables revealed truths of the Kingdom. (13:16-17)

## **The Point of the Parable of the Sower**

- The soils represent four different types of heart level responses to hearing the message of the kingdom. (13:3-8, 18-23)
  - The disinterested heart (13:4, 19)
  - The disingenuous heart (13:5-6, 20-21)
  - The distracted heart (13:7, 22)
  - The distinguished heart (13:8, 23)

## **The Proper Responses to the Parable**

- Don't harden your heart. (13:9, 12b-15)
- Be grateful for your salvation. (13:10-12a, 16-17)



# Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

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](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect).

## Order of Service

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 66:1-4

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

“Behold Our God”

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 3:25

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 53:5-6

“Man Of Sorrows”

“Jesus Paid It All”

**Prayer**

**Sermon:** Matthew 13:1-23

“Lord I Need You”

**Partaking of the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer and Benediction**

## Announcements

### Prayer Gathering

*Today, October 5 / 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.

### 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](http://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.

## Elders

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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](http://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 [crossfellowshipchurch.org/give](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/give) (scan the QR code)



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