

INTRODUCE

Good Morning Church! My name is Kyle, if I haven't met you yet, I'm the Youth and Digital Minister here at Fathom Church. Chris, our lead pastor, is out taking some much deserved vacation time...so you're stuck with me this morning!

MINUTE ON YOUTH MISSIONS

INTRODUCTION: ARE YOU SERIOUS?

Alright let's get into it today, we are going to continue in our study in Matthew, so go ahead and open up your Bibles to Matthew chapter 13, we have a bunch of verses to cover today. If you don't have your Bible open up a Bible app on your phone or tablet, whatever works best for you. We have black Bibles underneath each chair if you want to pull one of those out it will be on page **818**.

But I first wanted to update you all on my boy Austin.

- Austin just had his birthday
- Now we have a 5 year old in the house.

But now I can say we have an "Are you serious? Kid"

Which, the parents in the room will get this, it's when everything you say to your child gets the response "Are you serious?"

Like especially with discipline. That's a big one in our house right now.

- I feel like since my boy turned 5 a switch was flipped.

- Like over night our sweet little 4 year old turned into a monster, let's just be honest.

I know everyone has there little sayings like “Terrible Twos” “Threenager”, (I will never use that term again)

But Austin was never really any of those growing up!

I mean we have been blessed with a super easy going, kind, loving young boy...so far.

But now everything is met with “Are you serious?”

When I need to be serious and discipline him cause he's done something wrong, talked back to his mom or something,

- I say “you gotta go to your room” or “ok we can't go to the park anymore”
- You know...like consequences for his actions!
- He says every single time “Are you serious?” “Dad are you serious?”
- “Yes! Yes I am!”

And, I'll be honest, sometimes it is hard for me to be serious.

- Parents you get this.

Like I love to have fun with him and play, but then when you have to be serious when it comes to discipline, it's tough.

I mean, it's hard not to laugh or smile sometimes, when you're really trying to be serious. (Car, don't laugh!)

But that's where we're at right now with our 5 year old. “Dad are you serious?” We play and have fun, but when it's time to be serious, he doesn't believe me, and he calls me out on it!

So I'm calling my sermon today **SLIDE ARE YOU SERIOUS?**

Because we have gotten to a point in the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus is now starting to raise that question to his followers...Are you serious? Are you serious about this following me thing? Are you serious about...me?

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EXPLAIN: PARABLES

So as we get into our text this morning,

- If you've been in the church for longer than even a few years or so, you have most likely heard the story we are going to be reading today.

Today we are going to look at what is called a Parable.

Now let's define what a Parable is because you've probably heard that term before but

As Grant Osborne simple defines it in his Matthew Commentary

- *"The term Parable can refer to stories, illustrations, similitudes, proverbs, or even riddles. The basic meaning of the term is 'comparison', so it is a literary device drawing an analogy or comparison from everyday experience to deepen one's understanding of a concept."*

Plainly put, a parable is

- a story Jesus is using
- in order to teach his followers something.

- And these stories usually were examples
- of everyday things so that everyone listening
- would understand them and
- therefore deepen their understanding of the Kingdom of God.

And what's great about *this* parable in particular is it's really broken down into three different sections.

1. Jesus actually tells the parable (or story or analogy)
2. His disciples ask him "Hey why are you speaking in Parables?" so Jesus tells them why!
3. Jesus goes back and explains the parable he just told them!

So first we're going to skip the actual parable to start, and go to the middle section where Jesus explains himself and his teaching style to his disciples first.

Follow along with me starting in chapter 13, verse 10

MATTHEW 13:10-13

Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand."

First of all, Jesus just taught a parable to tons of people,
And after that his disciples come up to him and question his teaching method?

- Yo I don't know what they are doing.
- To question the Ultimate Teacher on his teaching style. You should probably just keep your mouth closed, but hey, that's not like his disciples to do that!
- It's not like they ever questioned him on anything else, right?

So we have Jesus' disciples asking Hey why are you speaking to them in parables?

- And what Jesus is pretty much telling his disciples,
- the ones that have been his closest friends and closest students
- is that, *"hey all these people that are coming to listen to me haven't had the privilege of following me and being as close to me as you guys are."*

He's saying

- some of them have no idea what I'm talking about
- when I use words like the Kingdom of Heaven,
- so I am going to speak to them in ways that they will understand
- and really truly hear what I'm saying.

Jesus didn't want this stuff to go over their heads.

- He didn't want those who already knew what he was talking about, *like his disciples*,
- To be the only ones that could understand what he wanted to teach. Cause it wasn't for them anymore.
- He wanted to make it relatable to everyone!
- He wanted every ear to hear him and to understand what he was saying.

EXPLAIN: CONTEXT OF THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Which brings us now to the actual **SLIDE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**, so let's read that.

Let's first read the parable, and then we will go to Jesus' explanation of what it actually means.

MATTHEW 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered

away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

So a little context

- First, we see Jesus’ popularity continuing to grow
- So big in fact that he has to get onto a little boat
- and they have to float him out onto the Sea of Galilee
- a bit just to give him a place to stand
- *Cove of the Parables or the Cove of the Sower*, pretty cool check it out.

So Jesus teaches the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven

- and likens it to a sower,
- sowing seeds on different soils.
- Now, I don’t know about you but if I heard this parable taught from Jesus today I’m not so sure I would even understand it to be honest.
- I mean, sowing seeds, farming, gardening, all that.
- I mean I can’t keep any plant alive in our house, which is why if you ever come over we don’t have any.
- Fake plants for the win, problem solved!

But, I’m not in that crowd.

This probably wouldn’t have been the best analogy to any of us today, let alone a really big crowd.

But, Jesus knew that using the example of sowing seeds
Would've been the perfect example for those listening

You see back then in that area

- Almost everyone listening would have understood this analogy

A farmer or sower,

- would sow the seeds,
- meaning they would reach down into their bag of seeds, pull out a handful, and scatter the seeds on the ground.
- And then they would go along and plow the soil so those seeds would fall into the plowed soil,
- take root,
- and grow in order to produce fruit.
- And Listen! That was the only goal! To produce fruit, that's it. Nothing less.

Jesus ends his parable by saying

- *"He who has ears, let him hear."*
- Listen up! Hear this!
- And don't just hear this...understand this!
- Take it in, listen, hear me, let this take root in your heart!

- Don't just hear this,
- do more with it,
- understand it,
- grow from it!

Jesus saying “*he who has ears, let him hear.*”

is Jesus calling for 2 things to happen when he speaks in these parables to listeners.

1. *He wants a willingness to listen*
2. *He wants motivation to respond, to do something with it*

And this is why even though these parables might have been themed directly toward first-century Palestine,

- we can understand it just as clearly today.

So let’s talk about the pieces of this parable really quick and break this down a little bit.

We have 3 main pieces to this parable:

SLIDE SOWER, SEED, SOILS

SOWER

So let’s start with the Sower.

Most likely who is the sower Jesus is talking about?

- Jesus. Yep there it is.

Now, some have believed this to also be anyone who is teaching the Gospel...

So this could be looked at as you, Christian!

But we are going to go with Jesus

because it makes a lot more sense!

So we have the Sower, Jesus, the one with the message who it spreading the seed...

And what is that seed you ask? Good question!

SEED

The seed is the Good News of the Gospel!

The message of Jesus. It's Scripture. It's this right here!

It's what we as Christians

- *are called to take with us*
- to the ends of the earth,
- telling everyone about the Good News of Jesus Christ!

So here we have Jesus spreading the seed of the Gospel Message

- to everyone,
- all over.
- Scattering it everywhere

SOILS

And now we get to the soils, the 4 different types of soils...

Which represents us!

And this is where we're going to spend the majority of our time this morning is dissecting these 4 types of soils

and seeing what the heck they have to do with us.

Cause

- we have Jesus as the sower,

- sowing the seed of the Good News of the Gospel Message
- to ALL types of soil (us).

Now let's see what types of soil we might be.

And listen church,

- as we are going through these 4 types of soil
- my guess is wherever you are in your relationship with God,
- or even if you don't even have a relationship with God at the moment,
- you will relate to one of these soils.

EXPLAIN: SOIL 1

So let's look at the description of the first soil,

- let's look at Jesus' description,
- we'll let him explain what he meant by the first soil.

So following along with me starting in verse 18.

MATTHEW 13:18-19

Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

So we've got the sower,

- grabbing a handful of seeds
- and sowing it, or throwing it, everywhere.
- And the seeds land on all types of soil.

The first soil,

as we saw earlier when Jesus was first telling the parable in verse 4 and here again in verse 19,

- was described as a path.

Now, again, I'm no farmer

- BUT I can tell you that a path
- probably isn't going to be a place that seeds
- are going to take root in and sprout up into plants.
- Most of the paths that I know have been
- heavily walked all over,
- matted down,
- they're hard,
- definitely not receptive to anything other than foot traffic, right?

And the seeds that are scattered along that path
have nowhere to go,
nowhere to dig in to.

And so the seeds just sit there.

And the birds come and easily eat up all the seeds.

Ok, so with the sower analogy that's not a good thing.

That is definitely not going to produce any fruit.

That won't do anything!

Now let's translate that to today

- and what I believe Jesus is trying to say
- with this parable and with this first soil in particular.
- Jesus is the sower,
- and he is sowing the seed of HIS good news
- to all those who will hear it.

And sometimes that good news falls on those who have soil like this path.

Those who

- hear the Word, yes,
- but they don't understand it.
- Those who maybe have been to church
- and heard the words preached
- Heard the Scripture read
- Heard the worship band play
- but they don't let it in.
- They don't even give it a chance to get in, to take root.

These are even the people who hear the Gospel

- and hear me know what it means, because maybe they're been in church a while
- but outright reject it,
- and their hearts are hardened like the path.

Now, maybe this isn't you.

But maybe it is.

Maybe this is your thousandth time sitting in these same seats here at Fathom but nothing has changed in you since the first time you sat here.

Maybe you hear the words spoken every single Sunday,

but the second you leave this building

you've forgotten them already,

and maybe you've chosen to forget them

because you don't want them.

And what Jesus is saying here is

- those of us who harden our hearts
- To the message of the Jesus,
- who don't even let it in to give it a chance to take root,
- just make it that much easier
- for evil one to come and snatch it from us.

You know throughout Scripture in the Old Testament birds are seen as harbingers of evil, that they are there to announce something bad is coming.

And maybe your heart has been so hard to Jesus

that Satan is just easily snatching it up

the second you leave church each week.

EXAMPLE: MY FRIENDS

You know, I have some friends that are like this. I'm sure a lot of you do too. Friends that I've told about Jesus and invited them to church, and been a part of their lives, and hopefully been a good example of a Christ follower to, that I am just hoping one day a seed will break through.

But for now, their hearts are hardened.

And maybe that's you this morning,
and you haven't given Jesus a chance.

But even if your heart is hardened or your friends hearts are hardened guess what...

- he's still gonna sow the seed
- He's still going to use you, Christian, to sow the seed
- of his love and grace and His Kingdom around you, and around those he's using you to share his message to,
- no matter what.

That's the first soil Jesus talks about.

EXPLAIN: SOIL 2

Let's look at the second soil. Verse 20.

MATTHEW 13:20-21

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

This soil is in rocky ground.

- It's not like the path soil in the sense that *there's actually soil* here
- that a seed could possibly survive in.
- But only a little bit.
- Jesus says when the sower sows the seeds of Truth in this soil,
- the soul *immediately receives it with joy!* AWESOME!
- Do we immediately receive the Scriptures with joy?
- Something to think about...

But, it has no root.

- The soil is decent enough
- to spring up the plant quickly,
- it hangs out for just a little while,
- but it has no substantial roots.

So Jesus says back in verse 6

- *"but when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away."*

These are the people that hear the Word of God

- and they receive it with joy! Sounds great huh?!
- They receive it with joy after hearing it but then the real world comes.
- The trials and tribulations of the world come up against them
- and they quickly forget that joy
- that the Word of God brought to them,
- and it dies out.

Church I feel like this is a lot of us!

This is a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ based on pure emotion and feeling.

EXAMPLE: MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE

This reminds me of when I was a teenager. So youth I'm gonna talk to you for a second.

This reminds me of what we would call a Mountain Top experience.

- I had many of these growing up in the youth group at church
- and going to youth retreats in the mountains for a weekend.

- You get away from the noise of the real world,
- all the distractions.
- You learn about Jesus and worship Him and you're just around other Christian teens
- and you have that Saturday night experience right?
 - The night where everything comes together so perfectly,
 - the sermon spoke directly to you,
 - the worship pulls at your heartstrings,
 - you're a snotty sniffing mess of tears
 - because you feel God changing you!
 - It's an amazing experience!
- And you are flying high at the end of this retreat,
- you're having a Mountain Top experience, right!
- Everything has changed, God has changed you on this retreat,

- you are going back home ready to follow Jesus and live a life closer to him than you ever have before, right?

Then you go home.

Back to reality.

Back to your school,

- your unchurched friends, your sports team, your girlfriend or boyfriend who wasn't on that retreat with you.

You don't have those

- emotional worship sessions anymore up in that secluded camp with your youth group.

And your friends back home are inviting you to that party

- And you get sucked right back into what you were doing before the retreat...
- And just like that (snap) it's gone.
- Back to where you were before.

And this isn't just for the teens!

Everyone else hear me on this too!

- You ever been so excited when a new Bible Study starts up,
- or your new D-Group restarts and you're meeting again,
- and you have that joy and excitement that emotion
- that *"oh yeah i'm gonna be changed, this is going to be amazing"...*
- and then it's been week 2 or week 3 of the same study,
- or the same group time,
- and you feel the excitement is withering.

- And then your work schedule starts getting busier,
- your other friend group wants to hang out more on the nights you would be going to Bible Study, and that friend group is just way more fun!
- And that excitement, that joy, is just gone. Like that.

That's the second soil.

That second soil is a lot of us.

The reality: That second soil doesn't come close to producing fruit...

Let's be honest, that second soil is fake.

EXPLAIN: SOIL 3

And now we're on to the third soil.

The soil that I believe is most of us, Christian.

I feel like this one is the one that if we're honest, most of us who say that we are Christ Followers fall into, and listen, we are ok with it.

We are comfortable being here, in this soil.

Let's read how Jesus describes this third soil. Verse 22

MATTHEW 13:22

As for what was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Hey this is the third soil right?

- It's better than the first soil
- that really wasn't even soil
- it was just a stomped down hard path.

It's better than the second soil

- that's so quick to be scorched out and killed by the sun
- and the difficulties of this life, right!
- It's better than those, right? It's gotta be.

This is where I believe most of us fall into.

- *We hear the Word AND understand it!*
- We *believe* in the Word and the Truth of the Gospel,
- we take it to heart.
- We come to church, we get connected in a small group, we pray, we read the Bible.
- This isn't just an emotional spiritual moment we are having, we aren't just having a Mountain Top experience.
- We've brought that home and we are looking the part.
- On the outside we look good! We look like a Christian.

But we are choosing this world over Jesus.

It says "*the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke out the word*" in us.

We do the whole Christian thing by coming to church on Sunday, we even do another night of the week Bible Study or something, we check off our Christian to-do list and read our Bible most mornings.

And then we let the world
and all of it's deceitfulness,
choke out Jesus from our lives.

EXAMPLE: THINGS OF THIS WORLD

Listen if we're honest, if I'm honest and I will be,
I feel like this is me most of the time.

- Sure I might look like a Christ follower,
- I might be going through the motions, doing and saying all the right things,
- but then there's sin.
- There's the things of this world that so easily become more important to me than Jesus.
- And I choose those things, over and over and over again.
- I choose the deceitfulness of the world, and my own fleshly desires over the Word that is sown over me.

Jesus says this soil hears the word and looks the part,
but allows the thorns of this world to choke it out.

I mean, isn't that most of us church?

Choosing this world over Jesus?

I feel like if we're honest most times we're here.

And we're faking our way through this life with Christ.

We're playing the part,

but we're choosing the thorns of the world over Jesus and his Kingdom.

And hear me,

- even though this soil produces some sort of root,
- it's there, the Word of God has stuck,
- It is growing...
- But Jesus says "it proves unfruitful"

**And remember, the only goal of the sower sowing seed is to produce fruit. This soil is unfruitful.

- I think those three words IT PROVES UNFRUITFUL
- were so important to Jesus to keep in this explanation of the parable here.

He wants us to make sure we know that we can't just look the part.

That we can't just have

- a little bit of roots in him on Sundays,
- at Bible Study, while serving at church.

Because if we're continuing to choose the ways of this world, it will choke us out.

And we WILL be unfruitful.

Jesus is making it clear

- that none of these first three soils produces ANY fruit.
- Even if we like to think we are,
- in this soil and the previous ones,

- we're choosing the world over Jesus.

But hear me church,

- this is the easy place to be.
- This is the comfortable place to be.
- To look and act like a Christian, most of the time,
- but to always have that other side, always have those other things that we're partaking in
- that are easy and nice and comfortable
- and we've been doing for a while,
- and *it would be harder to give them up* than just to keep going back to.
- This is the easy place to be.

But luckily there's one more soil. And it's the hardest one for us to get to and stay in, but it's the most rewarding...and actually, it's THE ONLY one that's rewarding.

EXPLAIN: SOIL 4

Let's look at the 4th and final soil. Verse 23

MATTHEW 13:23

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

The good soil.

Those who are in Christ Jesus who have good soil

- hear the Word of God and try to understand it. They have a willingness to hear it and understand it!
- They don't reject the word and allow the birds to come and just snatch it up.
- They hold fast to the Word and let it go deep and grow.
- They endure the trials and tribulations that come to those who are in Christ.
- They endure the persecution that is bound to come for them.
- Remember we talked about that a few weeks ago...
- But those in good soil will endure.
- They won't give in to the Mountain Top emotional experiences they have and wither away at the first sign of difficulty that comes their way.

And those in good soil reject the world.

Fight against their sin and their fleshly desires and they reject the deceitfulness and lies and empty promises that the world gives.

They go deeper.

They take root in the Words of Jesus.

They grow, and they bear good good fruit.

This is where we should want to be! This is where God wants us to be! This is where he had plans for us to be!

This is where if we say we are Christians, this is where we should be striving to be.

EXPLAIN: WHAT'S THIS FRUIT

And what's the fruit that he wants us to produce in the good soil?

Let's go back to what Audrey read for us at the beginning of service.

The fruits of the Spirit.

I know you've probably heard these before so many times (especially at every wedding you've ever attending)

SLIDE GALATIANS 5:22-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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Do we bear that fruit?

Or do we bear maybe just a couple of those fruits?

I mean hey I'm all about love and joy and peace

- but man...patience?
- Gentleness?
- Ok ok, self control?
- Yeah...Jesus says ALL of those.
- Jesus wants his followers to bear good fruit and that means ALL of those fruits of the Spirit.

So how do we do that?

How do we get to be that good soil, especially if we see ourselves stuck in one of the first three soils...

How do we change soils? How do we grow?

Here's the good thing church, WE CAN CHANGE SOILS, BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

We as the soils can change...but we need the Sower and the Seed to help us change.

You see church

The good news is.

- that wherever we're at...
- Whatever soil we find ourselves in today
- the Sower AND the Seed changes us,

Because the SOWER AND THE SEED never change!

They HAVE never changed...and They WILL never change.

Jesus the Sower is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is our constant.

The Message of the Good News of the Gospel doesn't change! It hasn't! And it won't. It's Truth. It's all right here, it stays the same Good News!

So the good thing for us, church, is that 2 of the three of these pieces WILL NEVER CHANGE.

The other good thing for us...the soil, IS WE CAN BE CHANGED!

WE CAN BE CHANGED

Because the reality is only 1 of these soils produces fruit. Only 1.

So it's a good thing that if we are not in soil that is producing fruit...the Sower and the Seed can get us there.

And how to we get there??

How do we grow?

We try to model our lives after the Sower,
and we take in that Seed of his Word.

It's Discipleship!

It's what we've been talking about for the past I don't know how many weeks, but for a while now...it's about deepening your relationship with the Lord. It's what we're all about here at Fathom, going deeper, by getting involved more, but joining a Bible Study, by leading a D-Group, by serving, by getting you and your family to church every week!

It's what we've been talking about.

I think it starts by asking the question that my son asks me...

Are you serious?

And I believe Jesus is asking all of us that today...

Are you serious?

Are you seriously following me? Or is this just an act?

Are you serious about growing in your relationship with me and going deeper with me?

Or are you ok where you're at?

Are you just comfortable where you're at?

Are you taking this seriously?

REFLECT QUESTIONS/CONCLUSION

So I'll start wrapping it up with this, church.

- This is a call to serious examination of what our lives look like if we are in Christ Jesus.

Maybe the easy reflective questions we need to be asking ourselves is

- Are we serious about this?
- And which soil are we rooting ourselves in?
- Are we just here hearing the same old stuff again and again, not letting any of this sink deep and take root.

- Are we just gonna walk out these doors and it's all gonna go in one ear and out the other, and the birds are gonna snatch the Truth of the Gospel message just right out of our hearts.
- Are we rooted in just your emotions of a great sermon, or a powerful worship service, or just waiting for that next retreat to get you on the spiritual high again.
- Are we showing up and being involved in all the things and checking off your Christian to-do list, but still a slave to our own flesh and the lies and deceit of this world?
- Are we letting the things of this world choke out the love of God inside of us?

Whichever soil you might be in this morning, luckily by the grace of God we can be changed by the Sower and the Seed starting today! We can allow Jesus to change us from the inside out and get us to good soil where HE can produce that good fruit in us. Good thing is the sower and the seed both never change, but he wants to change us, He wants to grow in us and through us!

We have a choice here, today, Fathom.

Let's take this seriously!

Let's pray! **LYRICS SLIDE W/PADS**

RESPONSES:

Well, every week at Fathom we respond in 4 ways:

- COMMUNION – THE LORD’S SUPPER (we do this every week, and we ask if you are not a Christian joining us to to just abstain from communion. We are so glad you’re here and you are welcome here but we believe communion is for those who have put their life in Jesus Christ).
- GIVING TITHES & OFFERINGS – fathomchurch.org/give (also if this is not your home church than don’t feel obligated to give at all, just be our guest today)
- PRAYER - fathomchurch.org/prayer
- SINGING

So, I’m going to read the Words of Institution from the Apostle Paul, we’ll take communion, and then we’ll sing:

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26 – WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **TAKE**

[25] In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **TAKE**

[26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Love you church, let's stand and sing together.