

# SUNDAY RECAP | CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday and a quick look ahead. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week long. Enjoy!

RECAP FOR: Sunday, May 6, 2018

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## PREPARE FOR THIS SUNDAY

Listen to all the songs for this week on our [Weekly Spotify Playlist](#)

// Call to Worship //

L: Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome to all of you today! ☺

L: We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, ☺for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready ☺to welcome sinners. ☺We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent ☺and receive your love. ☺

**C: Though we are sinners, ☺you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, ☺in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. ☺**

[Lead Me To The Cross](#)

[You Have Redeemed My Soul](#)

// Prayer of Confession //

L: There is no other god like you—none more worthy to be loved with all our heart and soul, mind and strength. You know our weaknesses, and do not despise them. You know our brokenness, and will not shame us. You know our sorrows, and are filled with compassion. You know our foolishness, and promise more grace.

With our eyes fixed on Jesus—the author and perfecter of our faith, we ask you to forgive us.

Forgive us hurting people we love by our impatience and irritation, by our lack of listening and our unkept promises.

Forgive us for thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought, and thinking of others less compassionately than they deserve.

Forgive us for giving more power to what others say about us in public, than what you say about us in heaven.

Forgive us for being too busy to behold your beauty in your Word; meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you sing to us in the gospel.

**C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Our hope is built on nothing less, nothing more and nothing other, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.**

**We trust in his finished work, not in our vain promises. Amen**

**// Assurance of Pardon //**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 8:1

L: Does your sin keep God from loving you

**C: No! Because of Jesus we are forgiven and loved!**

[Nothing But the Blood](#)

**// Passing of the Peace //**

As God has greeted us with his peace,

so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

Take a moment to welcome those around you.

[My Rock and My Redeemer](#)

[In Christ Alone](#)

**// Benediction //**

L: Full of the love of God,

You are now sent to love others and tell them the great news about Jesus

Go in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you

**C: And Also with you!**

## REFLECT ON LAST SUNDAY

**// Call to Worship //**

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may sinners find forgiveness and righteousness, all provided by Christ.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong recognize their need

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[Oh How I Need You](#)

## [Satisfied](#)

### // Prayer of Confession //

L: God, you placed us in the world to be its salt. We are afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being inconvenienced by the lives of others. We do not want to interact with those who aren't like us, and our salt dissolves as if in water.

#### **C: Forgive us, Jesus.**

L: God, you placed us in the world to be its light. We are afraid of the shadows, afraid of weakness, afraid of need, and we judge the sins of others as worse than ours. We do not take time to know, and listen to, other people's struggles, and our light slowly fades away.

#### **C: Forgive us, Jesus.**

L: God, you placed us in the world to live in community. Thus you taught us to love, to share in life, to find our identity in the midst of community. We want to be individuals and make our own decisions.

#### **C: Forgive us, Jesus**

L: Do a work in us and change us we pray. Though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### // Assurance of Pardon //

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

—Romans 8:1

## [Be Thou My Vision](#)

### // Passing of the Peace //

God has been hospitable and welcomed us into His family through the work of Jesus Christ for us. Now we are a hospitable people and welcome other sinners in to be part of this family and its mission. With that in mind, let's extend hospitality to one another this morning by greeting each other.

## [Our God and King](#)

## [Alive in You](#)

### // Benediction //

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)

Peace be with you!

#### **C: And also with you!**

# FURTHER REFLECTION & STUDY

## Scripture to Meditate On:

Acts 13:38–39 Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

## Reflection Questions:

- In our Assurance of Pardon we heard from Romans 8:1 *“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”*, what makes that true? What is the condemnation you hear or feel on a regular basis? How can this verse help us during those times?
- What stuck with you from our time of worship together on Sunday? Why do you think that impacted you?
- Why is the local church central to the mission of God?
- What does it mean when Paul says that the law of Moses couldn’t free the people? (Acts 13:39) Free them from what? And why couldn’t it? What else did they need?
- What does “discipleship” look like for you? What would you like it to look like?
- Last week in the Recap we shared a [Neighborhood Map Exercise](#). Who are you praying for and how are you planning to invest in a relationship with them?

## Suggested Resources

Articles: [Why Hospitality is For All Christians](#) by Rosaria Butterfield  
[The Cross of Shame and Glory](#) by Shane Rosenthal  
[Discipleship Culture](#) by Juan Sanchez  
[Wanted: More Older Women Discipling Younger Women](#) by Susan Hunt  
[An Open Letter to the Hesitant Host](#) by Rosaria Butterfield

Training: [The Disciple Making Starter](#) by Saturate

Videos: [Proximity vs. Affinity](#) by Soma

## RESOURCES FOR KIDS (and Parents)

Article: [When We Fail At Family Worship](#) by Nicholas Davies

[New City Catechism- Question 25](#)

Q: Does Christ’s death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

A: Yes, because Christ’s death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ’s righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

READ together Acts 13:38-39: *Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.*

ASK:

- Do you need forgiveness? From what? (Parents- then it's a good time to say, "Yeah, I need forgiveness too. I need forgiveness for \_\_\_\_\_")
- When we go to God and ask him for forgiveness what is his reaction?
- How can we be sure God forgives us?

PRAY the *Lord's Prayer* together (Matthew 6:9–13)

“Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
     on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 and forgive us our debts,  
     as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.

## Sermon Review

**Title:** Preaching the Gospel, Planting Churches

**Text:** [Acts 13 & 14](#)

**Watch:** <https://cccplainfield.org/sermon/preaching-the-gospel-planting-churches/>

**Podcast:** <https://cccplainfield.org/subscribe-to-podcast>

### Sermon Overview:

Chapter 13 and 14 chronicle the first missionary journey of the Apostle Paul. There will be two more of these throughout the book. This is the start of the shift in the book where the gospel will go to the Gentile (non-Jewish) world.

Sermon Summary: God Ordains the “Ends” and the “Means”

### The Church: Means of Mission

As Paul and Barnabas head out on their first missionary journey notice what they are doing- they are *planting churches*. They are not simply sharing the gospel, watching people come to faith in Christ and then leaving. There is an assumption that the mission of God is carried about *through* the local church. In other words the local church is the vehicle through which God accomplishes his mission. The people of the local church is the place where the Holy Spirit dwells. The local church is where you will find the love of God on display through the relationships of the people there. The local church is the carrier of the gospel message to the ends of the earth. God is accomplishing his mission through a people, the local church is that people.

### Discipleship: Means of Strengthening

As they go to each city and share the gospel they also return to those places to “strengthen” the disciples there (see Acts 14:21-23). **Knowledge:** They spend time teaching them about who Jesus was, what he accomplished, and why that matters. We might consider Paul’s speech in the synagogue in chapter 13 as an outline of what they would teach the church. In essence it is an overview of biblical history. It is essentially a summary of: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration. **Witness:** The churches also understand their call to be a witness of the work of Christ (see also Acts 1:8). As Paul and Barnabas leave and go to another city, the church they left continues to be “on mission” and spread the gospel to their neighbors. If it was only Paul and Barnabas who were sharing the gospel the church would have been much slower in

growth. **Encouragement:** Verse 22 says they encouraged the believers to “continue in the faith”. That is some really good news to those of us who struggle with faith, isn't it. Even the believers who heard the gospel and experienced the Lord's ministry through Paul still needed to be encourage to not give up on the Christian faith. It wouldn't be easy, they were going to receive a lot of rejection and persecution. They needed the reminder that Jesus is real and his promises are true! **Suffering:** We also hear Paul say in verse 22 to that it is “through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God” Paul knew well of this suffering, it was part of his calling to be God's missionary (Acts 9:15-16). Unfortunately it's not an optional thing, we MUST go through tribulations. But there is nothing quite like suffering to help us understand what it really is to need and cling to Christ. It often takes a faith that is merely cerebral and makes it an actual living relationship. **Presence:** One of the things Paul knew is that discipleship happens in the context of relationships. His focus was to spend time with these people. It wasn't just to give them information, but to live life together. He and Barnabas were not only their “teachers” but their friends and co-laborers in the gospel. Imagine all the times when they were just hanging out together getting to know one another better. Discipleship was happening there, in those “unofficial” times.

### **Context: Means of Hearing**

It's interesting to compare the two times we hear Paul sharing the gospel with the different groups of people in these two chapters. First to those in the synagogue, the message is very much about the history of God's people and how the law of God cannot save. Rather, it is Jesus who is God's sent one to die for us and offer us forgiveness and righteousness apart from the law. But when Paul speaks to the Greeks in Acts 14:15-17 you notice there is not talk of the history of God's people. Why not? Well, obviously, they have no connection with that, they are not Jewish. They do not have the Torah. So he starts them with the simple truths about God and he is fine to leave them with those. He tells them how God is creator, personal, and gracious. He doesn't even try to get through the whole Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration story and talk about who Jesus is and what he has done. He gives them Creation and Fall and leaves the rest for another day. He knew his audience and what they needed and trusted he'd get more time with them to talk more about the gospel and finish the story.