



**A Widow, a Tax Collector,
and Little Babies**

Luke 18:1-17

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The Main Point

- The way to respond to Jesus' warnings about the Kingdom and the judgment to come is to receive the Kingdom like a little baby. (18:15-17)
 - Babies are weak and helpless.
 - Babies cry out for what they need.

Two Parables that Illustrate the Main Point

- In our weakness and helplessness, we keep crying out for Jesus to return and make things right. (18:1-8)
 - Two keys to understanding the parable:
 - We *are* like the widow.
 - God is *not* like the judge.
 - Keep praying and don't give up as you wait for Jesus to return.
 - Persistence in prayer until Jesus returns is evidence of faith.
- In our weakness and helplessness, we humble ourselves and cry out to God for mercy. (18:9-14)
 - Two dangers the parable warns against:
 - Trusting in yourself that you are righteous.
 - Treating others with contempt.
 - Those who exalt themselves will be humbled in the judgment to come.
 - Those who humble themselves will be exalted in the Kingdom to come.

Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, 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'd also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card, which is located at the Welcome Table.

Members' Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 6 / After the Worship Gathering

CFC members, please stay for a brief meeting immediately following the Worship Gathering on Oct. 6. The elders have a membership item to bring before the church.

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, Oct. 6 / 4-5:30 p.m. / Indian Woods Middle School

Make plans to attend our October Prayer Gathering. This will be a great time of praying for the church and needs within our congregation, and hearing how God is at work among the members of CFC.

Fall Outreach

In place of the church-wide Fall Festival in Nall Hills this year, we want to help *you* reach out to your own neighbors. Get your DC together or a group of CFC members who live near you. Make your front yard the place to stop this Halloween, organize a block party, or come up with another idea. Get creative! The church can help print flyers, provide tables and chairs, and purchase food or supplies. Contact Mike or Rita Sanders for more info.

Email Newsletter

Have you signed up to receive our weekly email newsletter? If not, simply go to crossfellowshipchurch.org, click the "Sign Up" button near the top of the page, and fill in the form. This is the best way to stay up to date on what's going on at Cross Fellowship Church.

Sunday Morning Offering

Unlike most churches, we do not pass a collection plate each Sunday to collect your financial gifts and offerings. Instead, if you would like to financially contribute toward our church-related ministries, you can do so in the offering box located in the back of the room. Thank you!

Elders

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Discipleship Communities

In our discipleship communities, or small groups, we seek to live as disciples together who love God supremely, one another humbly, and the world sacrificially. Please join us!

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