



THE **SOWER**
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Matthew 13:1-9

Team 3 Worship Service

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Target Audience

This service is designed for a contemporary church service. The theme best fits someone who is not walking closely with the Lord and needs to see that there is hope, no matter how bad they may feel.

Order of Worship

Opening / Announcements

Music Video – “I Am a Rock”

Congregational Singing

Film clip – Dartboard

Sermon

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Opening / Announcements

At the conclusion of the opening and announcements, the worship leader introduces the video which follows with, “Some of you may be able to relate to the words of this song. No matter how lonely you may feel, Jesus wants to meet you here today. He is the Sower who has been sowing his “seed” of good news into your life for longer than you may even realize.”

Next will be a video of the Simon & Garfunkel song, “I Am a Rock,” which would be similar in format to their video we viewed for class.

Music Video – “I Am a Rock”

I am a Rock, I am an Island

A winters day,

In a deep and dark December,

I am alone,

Gazing from my window,

To the streets below,

On a freshly fallen silent shroud of snow

I am a rock, I am an island.

**I've built walls,
A fortress steep and mighty,
That none may penetrate,
I have no need of friendship
Friendship causes pain,
It's laughter and its loving I disdain,
I am a rock, I am an island.**

**Don't talk of love,
Well, I've heard the word before,
Its sleeping in my memory,
I wont disturb the slumber
Of feeling that have died
If I'd never loved, I never would have cried,
I am a rock, I am an island.**

**I have my books,
And my poetry, to protect me
I am shielded in my armor,
Hiding in my room,
Safe within my womb,
I touch no one and no one touches me,
I am a rock, I am an island....**

And a rock feels no pain

And an island never cries...

The worship leader says, “Our hope and our prayer this morning is that you will catch a fresh glimpse of the One who is reaching out to you. Let’s worship Him this morning.”

We Lift Our Worship

I stand around and I can see

brothers and sisters just like me

Praising the One that we adore.

We lift our worship to You, Lord,

We lift our worship to You, Lord.

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

Lord, together we shall reign.

With our hearts in one accord,

We lift our worship to You, Lord,

We lift our worship to You, Lord.

**Come stand by me, I'll take your hand,
we'll lift our voices to the Lamb.**

In unity with just one voice,

We lift our worship to You, Lord,

We lift our worship to You, Lord.

Written by Kim Noblitt and Wes Tuttle
CCLI# 3161979

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

Lord, together we shall reign.

With our hearts in one accord,

we lift our worship to You, Lord,

We lift our worship to You, Lord.

**Every boy and every girl,
all God's children 'round the world,
red and yellow, black and white,
they are precious in His sight;
we're all precious in His sight.**

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

Lord, together we shall reign.

With our hearts in one accord,

We lift our worship to You, Lord,

We lift our worship to You, Lord.

Let It Be Said of Us

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,

That with gladness bore ev'ry cross we were given;

That we fought the good fight,

That we finished the course

Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Written by Steve Fry

CCLI# 1855882

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,

By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,

'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Written by Steve Fry

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Let it be said of us: We were marked by forgiveness,

We were known by our love,

and delighted in meekness.

We were ruled by His peace,

Heeding unity's call;

Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,

By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,

'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Bringing in the Sheaves

Sowing in the morning,

sowing seeds of kindness,

Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;

Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,

Fearing neither clouds

nor winter's chilling breeze;

By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping,

sowing for the Master,

Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;

When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

We Have Come into His House

**We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him.**

**We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him.**

**We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship
Christ the Lord.**

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

**Let's forget about ourselves
and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let's forget about ourselves
and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let's forget about ourselves
and magnify His name and worship
Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Alone we may stumble but together
we will stand and worship Him.**

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we will stand and worship Him.**

**Alone we may stumble but together
we will stand and worship Christ the Lord.**

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Dartboard Drama

Imagine a teen man laying on his bed reading his bible while tossing velcro darts at a dartboard on his half open door. His letter jacket is hanging next to the dartboard.

SPORTS

SAFETY TARGET DART BOARD



10	30	10
20	90	150
10	140	100
80	200	160
70	190	180
10	130	170
10	180	120
10	60	10
10	30	10

Voiceover:

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.

As the voice over is going he absent-mindedly tosses a velcro dart, it bounces off the door and into the hall, little brother (exuberant and dressed up like superman) comes running down the hall and absconds with the dart, teen rolls his eyes and continues reading...

Voiceover:

Other seed fell on rocky ground where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was not deep. But when the sun came up, it was scorched, and because it did not have a root, it withered.

The next dart he tosses lodges on his letter jacket. His eyebrow goes up in interest, but then the dart loses its grip and falls to the floor, he resumes reading.

Voiceover:

**Other seed fell among the thorns,
and they grew up and choked it.**

*The next dart is horribly off and lands in
“the homework pile” on the floor probably never to be
Seen again. He shakes his head and resumes reading.*

Voiceover:

But other seed fell on good soil and it produced grain, some a hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty.

He hits a bulls eye! He raises his hands and struts a little in triumph. He gets up and heads out the door, as he does he pauses for a minute and rubs his hand on the perfectly textured dartboard (with the dart still in the center)

Voiceover:

What kind of soil are you?



*Camera lingers on the dartboard
with dart still in center.*

Are You a Rock?

Matthew 13:1-23

Matthew 13:1-23 (NIV)

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

**3 Then he told them many things
in parables, saying: "A farmer
went out to sow his seed."**

**4 As he was scattering the seed,
some fell along the path, and the
birds came and ate it up.**

**5 Some fell on rocky places,
where it did not have much soil. It
sprang up quickly, because the soil
was shallow.**

**6 But when the sun came up,
the plants were scorched, and
they withered because they had no
root.**

**7 Other seed fell among thorns,
which grew up and choked the
plants.**

**8 Still other seed fell on good soil,
where it produced a crop-- a
hundred, sixty or thirty times
what was sown.**

9 He who has ears, let him hear.

10 The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

11 He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

**12 Whoever has will be given more,
and he will have an abundance.
Whoever does not have, even
what he has will be taken from
him.**

13 This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

**16 But blessed are your eyes
because they see, and your ears
because they hear.**

17 For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

**18 "Listen then to what
the parable of the sower means:**

19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

20 The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

**21 But since he has no root,
he lasts only a short time. When
trouble or persecution comes
because of the word,
he quickly falls away.**

**22 The one who received
the seed that fell among the thorns
is the man who hears the word,
but the worries of this life and the
deceitfulness of wealth choke it,
making it unfruitful.**

23 But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Are You a Rock?

- God has planted a seed in all of us.
- We are all good or bad ground for the seed.
- Good ground has no rocks or weeds.
- If we separate ourselves we are like a rock.
- A rock feels no pain, a rock cannot be hurt.
- A rock is bad ground for the seed of God.
- Being a rock, being alone, is a prison.

Closing Prayer & Benediction

**Following the message, the pastor will close in prayer and pronounce the following benediction:
May God, our Father, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy!**