

Kingdom Citizens –The Sermon on the Mount-Lesson 18

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“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. --Matthew 7:13-14

Day 1—Verse 13

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1. In the last section of the Sermon on the Mount (vs. 13-27) Jesus calls his listeners to make a choice. He does this through using four examples; which example is he using in verses 13-14?
2. What does the narrow gate represent?
3. What are the requirements for entering through the narrow gate?
4. What is the cost of entering the narrow way?

3. Why do so many people enter through the wide gate and chose to walk the wide path?

4. From our study of Matthew 5-7 so far, is keeping the law enough to get you on the narrow path? Why or why not?

a. Can we earn our way through the narrow gate onto the narrow path? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.

5. Read the parable of the Rich Young Ruler in Mark 10:17-22. Which path did he choose?

a. Why did he choose that path?

b. From Mark 10:23-27 why do you think the disciples were so amazed and astonished by Jesus' teaching?

6. Which path were the pharisees on? What does this tell us about outward righteousness?

Day 3—Verse 13

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1. What awaits a person at the end of the broad way?
 - a. Are people unwillingly walking this road and trying to find the narrow way?
2. What is destruction?
3. Is destruction eternal?

3. What does it mean that the road is hard?
 - a. What types of hardships do believers face in this life?
 - b. What should we do when we face trials?
4. What comfort does Psalm 23 give to us as we walk the hard, narrow way?
5. For those who enter through the narrow gate, what can they bring with them?
6. Is it possible to keep a foot on the broad way and a foot on the narrow way? Why or why not?

d. Psalm 1:1-6

e. Prov. 3:5-6

f. John 6:66-69

3. What does Scripture say about heaven?

a. Why does Scripture tell us more about hell than heaven?

4. What do the following verses tell us about life (Zōē)

a. John 1:4

b. John 3:15-16

c. Romans 6:22

d. James 1:12

e. 1 John 5:12-13

f. Revelation 21:27

Heart Check:

- What choice is Jesus calling people to make here? Have you made that choice?
- Is Jesus your Lord and Saviour? If not, make today the day you choose whom you will serve!
- How often do you pray for your unsaved loved ones? How often do you share the gospel with them?

Dig Deeper:

1. If you are struggling with trials, listen to Pastor Rob's Sunday School lesson on James 1:2-8 <https://gracelife.ca/sermons/2022-11-20-ss/>.

2. Or Pastor Mark on James 1:1-4 <https://gracelife.ca/sermons/the-wisdom-of-trials/>

3. Listen to a previous WoG teaching on Jesus statement I am the door.

<https://gracelife.ca/women-of-grace/>

4. Read on Heaven and Hell:

<https://www.chapellibrary.org/book/hawo/heaven-a-world-of-love-edwardsjonathan>

<https://www.chapellibrary.org/book/heavfg/heaven>

<https://www.chapellibrary.org/book/hellfg/hell>

<https://www.chapellibrary.org/book/tohe/terrors-of-hell-the-nicholswilliamc>

<https://www.chapellibrary.org/book/sith/sinners-in-the-hands-of-an-angry-god-edwardsjonathan>