

Matthew 7:13-14 (11/24/2024)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Matthew 7:13-14

1. What do you think is the narrow gate and what is the wide gate to which Jesus refers in Matthew 7:13-14? Discuss the differences between the gates.

2. Share information from the following passages what you find about those who enter the wide gate.

Proverbs 14:12

Ephesians 2:2-3

2 Peter 3:7

3. What do the following passages reveal concerning the narrow gate?

John 10:9

John 14:6

1 Timothy 2:5

4. How would you explain to someone the way to enter the narrow gate?
How would you explain the way to enter the wide gate?

5. Read Psalm 1 and compare the blessings of those who choose the narrow gate with the consequences of those who choose the wide gate.

Psalm 1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

6. Matthew 7:13-14 teaches that our choices and actions matter. Have you actually chosen to turn your back on the wide gate to enter the narrow gate?