Seaside Community Church May 23, 2021

God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think Choices Matter

Matthew 7:13-14

#### What is this gate and narrow road?

Matthew 7:13-14

The gate is the entry point

John 10:7-10; 14:6

The road is the journey of following Jesus

Matthew 4:17-20

## A difficult journey

Matthew 7:14

What is this journey about?

Matthew 5-7

### The choice is ours

Matthew 7:13-14

Choosing your path...

A journey toward emptiness and destruction

Proverbs 14:12; 16:25; 15:24

#### A journey toward life

John 4:13-14; 7:37-39

Growth Group Discussion For the week of May 23, 2021

Connect Recall a time when you followed "the crowd," or your friends, and regretted it.

Reflect

Share an insight from Sunday's message or Scriptures.

### Explore

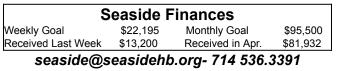
1. Paul gives a disturbing description of the broad road in 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Why do you think this road is appealing to so many people?

2. How do the promises in Matthew 7:7 help us to find and follow the narrow road?

4. In life, being able to do meaningful things requires focus, self-discipline and practice. Following the way of Jesus is no different. Read Philippians 2:12-13. What is our part in this work and what is God's part?

3. What are some examples of the narrow road that you find in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)?

5. Read Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Luke 13:22-25 and John 10:7-10. What insights do these verses give you into the broad and narrow roads?



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# Raise A Hallelujah

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

# Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar Up from the ashes hope will arise Death is defeated the King is alive

## Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

# Bridge

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

# Bridge

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me (REPEAT)

Sing a little louder

#### Since Your Love

Verse

You are the light the song of my life You always lead You are the voice inside You are my love No one before You All that I am points to You

### Chorus

I was made by You I was made for You I am unfulfilled without full communion

## Bridge

Since Your love got a hold of me Since Your love got a hold of me I'm a new creation I'm forever changed

# Ending

In You is all I need You're my breath You're my life You're my ev'rything

#### **Give Me Jesus**

Verse 1

In the morning when I rise In the morning when I rise In the morning when I rise Give me Jesus

Chorus 1

Give me Jesus Give me Jesus You can have all this world (But give me Jesus)

Verse 2

And when I am alone Oh and when I am alone And when I am alone Give me Jesus

Verse 3

And when I come to die Oh and when I come to die And when I come to die Give me Jesus

Chorus 2

You can have all this world You can have all this world But give me Jesus

### **Goodness Of God**

Verse 1

I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me All my days I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me

# So Will I (100 Billion X)

Verse 1

God of creation There at the start before the beginning of time With no point of ref'rence You spoke to the dark And fleshed out the wonder of light

### Chorus 1

And as You speak A hundred billion galaxies are born In the vapour of Your breath the planets form If the stars were made to worship so will I I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've made Ev'ry burning star a signal fire of grace If creation sings Your praises so will I

Verse 2

God of Your promise You don't speak in vain no syllable empty or void For once You have spoken All nature and science Follow the sound of Your voice

#### Chorus 2

And as You speak A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath Evolving in pursuit of what You said If it all reveals Your nature so will I I can see Your heart in ev'rything You say Ev'ry painted sky a canvas of Your grace If creation still obeys You so will I So will I

### Bridge

If the stars were made to worship so will I If the mountains bow in rev'rence so will I If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I For if ev'rything exists to lift You high so will I

# Bridge

If the wind goes where You send it so will I If the rocks cry out in silence so will I If the sum of all our praises still falls shy Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

#### Verse 3

God of salvation You chased down my heart Through all of my failure and pride On a hill You created the light of the world Abandoned in darkness to die

#### Chorus 3

And as You speak A hundred billion failures disappear Where You lost Your life so I could find it here If You left the grave behind You so will I I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've done Ev'ry part designed in a work of art called love If You gladly chose surrender so will I I can see Your heart eight billion diffrent ways Ev'ry precious one a child You died to save If You gave Your life to love them so will I

### Ending

Like You would again a hundred billion times But what measure could amount to Your desire You're the One who never leaves the one behind