

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Bible study for the week starting August 8, 2021
Parables of Jesus: The Narrow Door

SHARE

1. Spend a little time going around the room sharing your answers to this important question: "How are you doing?" If someone says, "Fine," ask them again. 😊

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Genesis 8:11-17. Noah's ark and all the animals get used to decorate children's nurseries all the time, but the Flood was an incredibly dark time in world history. Think about how long of a warning the people were given, and how none of them heeded it. What lessons can we learn for today?
3. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6. There is a beautiful verse in this passage that illustrates God's desire for all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. How do you reconcile this desire with the fact that *most* are not?
4. Read Luke 13:22-35. Jesus talks about the narrow door as an answer to a question about how many will be saved. What insight does Jesus' answer give? What lessons can you take from it.
5. A main them of Sunday's message was about intentionality and urgency. As tragedy hit our congregation last weekend, our total attendance numbers (online plus in-person) bumped up about 300 from the week before. At the start of Covid, numbers spiked. The same for 9/11. What might this tell us about the spiritual condition of our people, both good and bad? Think again about those topics of intentionality and urgency.

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives and pray for these joys and needs.

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Luke 13:22-35

August 8, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

“All thought is divided into two categories: the concrete and the abstract.”

“I have come all the way from America to tell you about the Lord Jesus Christ.”

EXCLUSIVE does not mean UNAVAILABLE.

Entering the narrow door requires both INTENTIONALITY and URGENCY.

It's only harsh if you take it as a CONDEMNATION when you should be taking it as a REBUKE.

The narrow door will one day CLOSE, and when it does, it will not REOPEN.

Will you be there?