
Matthew 7:13-14

In his sermon, Jesus has been laying out the true way to live in righteousness. In these verses, Jesus gives a warning. To live in this way, according to what he has shown, will be hard, and difficult and not many will follow it. However, it is the choice that leads to life.

13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

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While the world is running headlong toward their desires, their wants, and their destruction, we are to steadfastly, consistently, daily take up our cross, die to our former way of living, and follow him. The way to follow Jesus is narrow, and it is hard. However, the way to follow Jesus leads to life!

Discussion Questions

- When out for a hike, which path would you choose - the narrow, overgrown path or the wide, well used path?
- What draws us into the wide path of vs 13?
- Deciding to follow Jesus on the narrow path is hard. What does your decision to follow Jesus cost you?
- What keeps you on the path, daily choosing to follow him? Prov 13:21, 2 Cor. 5:9, Gal. 6:7-9
- How can we encourage one another to continue on the narrow path to life?

Prayer

Break up into smaller groups for prayer.

- Who are you praying for to know Jesus?
- What gospel conversations have you had this week with someone who doesn't follow Jesus?
- How is your time with God?
- What are you praying for?
- What are you struggling with?