

The Final Level

Series: Finding Life (message 2) **Date:** April 18/19, 2020

Intro:

If I misunderstand where I'm going, I misunderstand what I need to be ready.

Jesus tell us where we are going.

- Matthew 7:13-14
- Exodus 22:20
- Matthew 8:12
- Matthew 13:41
- Matthew 25:41

We need to tell ourselves where we are going.

- Romans 3:10

When we expect heaven, we misunderstand our need.

- John 3:16
- John 17:3

When we ignore where people are going, we don't share the solution!

- Do you think people need this kind of life?
- Matthew 7:12

sermon discussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Impact Survey: We want to hear how COVID-19 has impacted our Olive Branch family, so would you mind taking a few minutes to let us know? Use [this link](#) or text IMPACT to 951-382-5111.

RECAP THE SERMON

Discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out to you?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Think of a time when you were faced with a tough decision between right and wrong and you chose to do what you knew was wrong. In what way was it the easier choice of the two? What were the consequences?
2. Read Matthew 7:13-14. In your own words, what is Jesus' main point in these verses? If God loves people, why isn't the path wider?
3. Read Matthew 8:12, 13:41, and 25:41. What kind of imagery is used to describe hell? What kinds of emotions does that imagery evoke? Why do you think people expect the default destination to be heaven rather than hell?
4. Read Psalm 73:1-28. The psalmist describes how he saw many wicked people prospering; he nevertheless chose to stay on the right path—the only one that led to true life in the end. Scan back through the first part of the psalm. What was so frustrating to the psalmist? Have you ever felt like that? What might make someone wonder whether the path with Jesus is really worth walking?
5. Look again at verses 16-17. What helped convince the psalmist that he was on the right road? What was the psalmist's final conclusion (vv. 25-28)? Why might people come to that conclusion only when they have fully surrendered to God?
6. Some would say that how you communicate something is just as important, or even more important than what you communicate. Do you think that's true? When did you communicate the right content, but take the wrong approach?
7. In what ways do you have to choose the narrow gate daily? How might you daily remind yourself that surrender to Jesus is the right road to take?

MEMORIZE

"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. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." **Matthew 7:13-14** *ESV*