dGroup DISCUSSION GUIDE



"The Hard and the Narrow Gate" Speaker: Jason Bilbro February 20, 2022

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Worship: The Way (New Horizon) by Pat Barrett

Word: Scripture references: Matt. 7:13-14; Matt. 5:3; Matt. 5:21-24, Matt. 5:27-28. vv. 31-32: Matt. 6:1-4. 19-30: Matt. 7:24-27

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- 2. Transformed...from version 1.0 to 2.0. Jason began the message by briefly sharing his testimony and born-again experience and the catalyst for his transformation: "When you experience the costly grace, it transforms you and your reality."
 - Can you pinpoint the catalyst that led to "version 2.0" of yourself?
 Give each person an opportunity to share.
- 3. Read Matthew 7: 13-14 (and also reference Deut. 30:15-19). Why is the 'way of life' so hard? What does it take to follow its path?
- **4. Surrendering "Idols"**—Jason covered many idols that are critical to surrendering to God: Anger and unforgiveness (Matthew 5:21), adultery/lust and divorce (Matthew 5:27, 31), money and security (Matthew 6:1-4, 19-30).
 - Have you overcome and surrendered idols in your life? Share your testimony of God's move, if you feel led.
 - What do you think might be idols in your life to surrender over to the Lord? Share if you desire. Take time to pause and pray for one another as Holy Spirit leads you.
- **5. Sanctification, Holiness.** In his opening prayer, Jason spoke of the meaning of holiness: "...to be physically pure and morally blameless."
 - · What does holiness mean to you?
 - Read Hebrews 10:14. Sanctification is an ongoing process for every believer as we grow in spiritual maturity, deepening our relationship with the Lord. Where do you feel He is working in you, sanctifying you and setting you apart as children of His Kingdom?

Witness: Close by reading Matthew 18:21-22. Jason said, "Forgiveness is an iterative process...If there is a family member or someone you choose not to spend time with or you can't sow into them or their life, then you may need to go back and forgive them." Take time to seek God and let Him lead you to forgiveness. May our supernatural ability extend grace and forgive offense be a powerful witness to the heart of God for any who are watching.

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