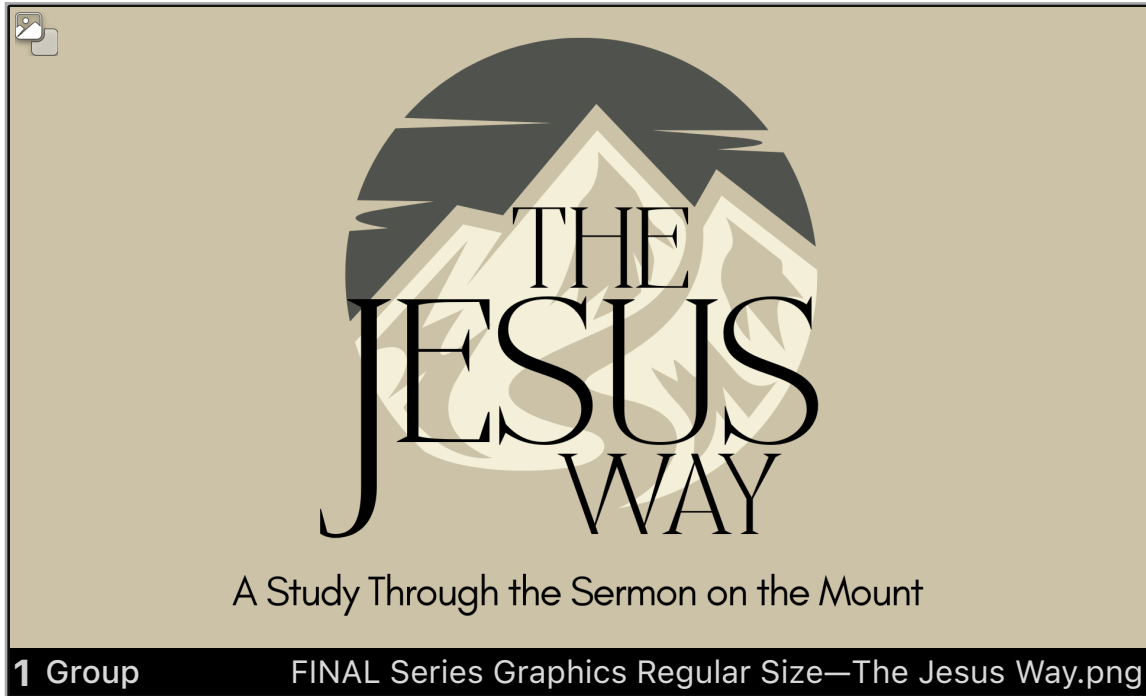
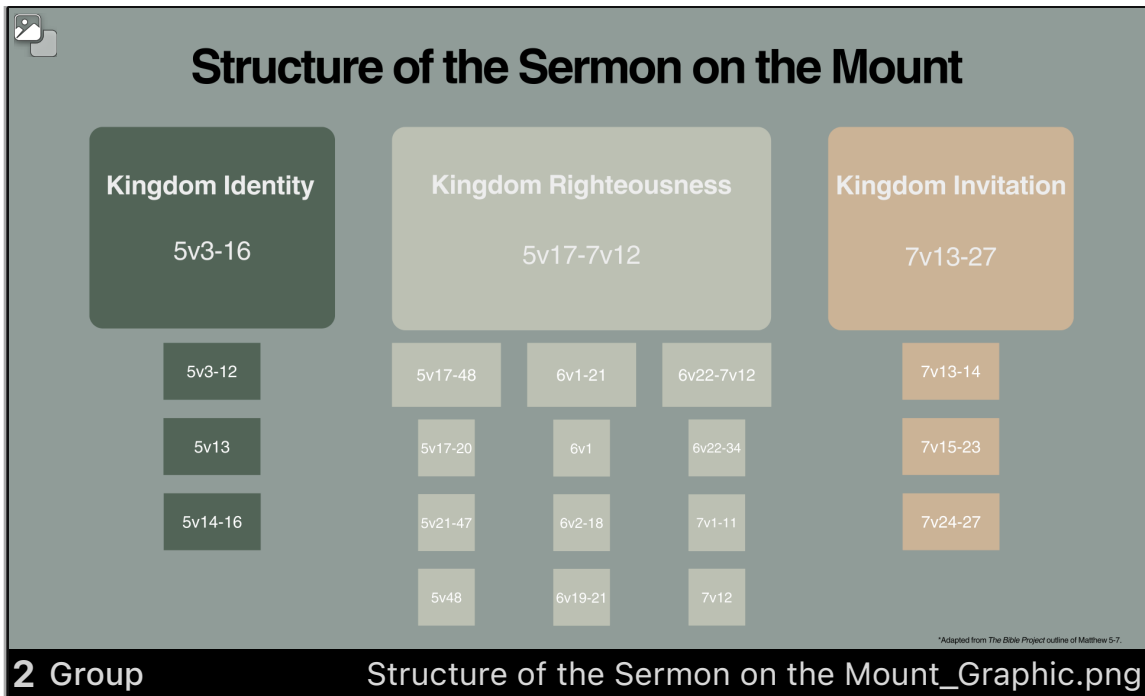


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Enter through the narrow gate.
 For the gate is wide and the road
 broad that leads to destruction,
 and there are many who go
 through it. How narrow is the gate
 and difficult the road that leads to
 life, and few find it.

Matthew 7v13-14 (CSB)

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Jesus is **not** talking about literal gates and paths.
He is speaking about two different **ways of life**.



“The wide and easy way that leads to destruction is precisely what Jesus has been describing all along as living with merely external righteousness, while the narrow and ‘difficult’ way is the vision he has cast for righteousness that is more and deeper than behavior. The broad and easy way is the way of the Pharisees, whose righteousness is easily definable and can be gritted out solely at the external level—not committing adultery, not murdering, and so on. The narrow and difficult way is Jesus’s vision, a righteousness that requires deep roots and the exposure of one’s whole person to God, true virtue.”

Johnathan Pennington



The wide road is when we try and build “the good life” on our own terms.

The narrow road is living by God’s wisdom, not just surface-level rules.

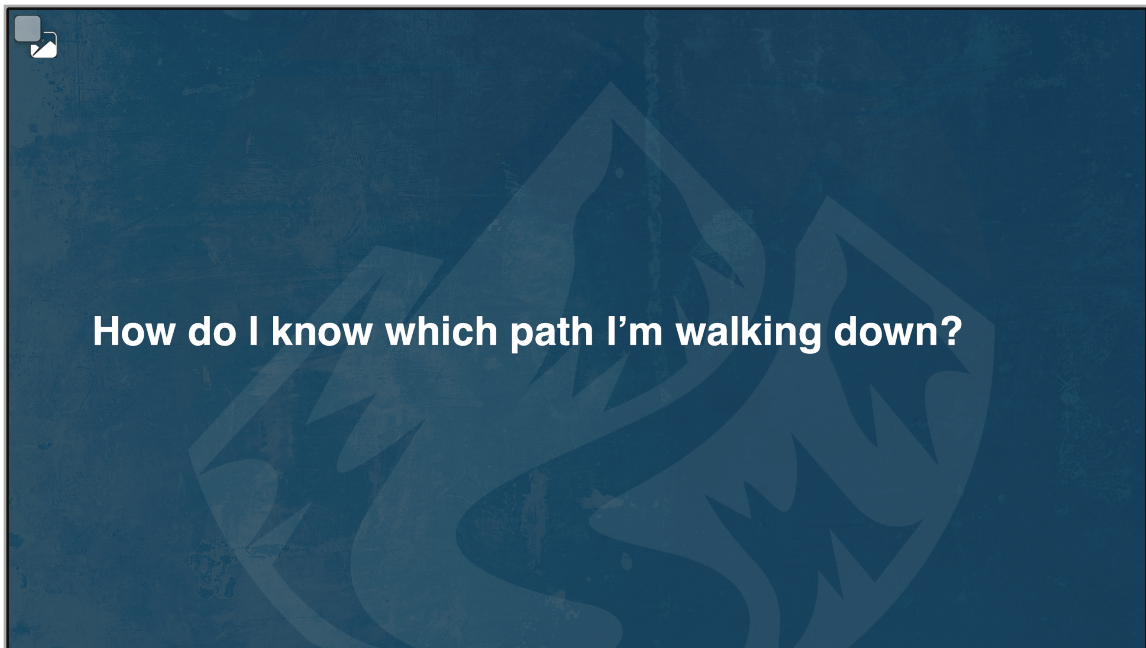


The narrow road is the Jesus way - costly to walk, yet leads to life.



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The *broad path*:

- success without surrender
- comfort without conviction
- progress over presence
- image over integrity
- achievement over apprenticeship

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The *narrow path*:

- obedience over outcome
- formation over performance
- presence over progress
- sacrifice over status
- peacemaking over judgement
- righteousness over rightness
- love over likes

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**“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”
Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

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Who is leading me?

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