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A Study in the Gospel of Matthew. By Pastor Jason on 6-5-16

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On-ramp	_____	_____
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Crowd	_____	_____
Destination	_____	_____

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In Matt. 7:13-14, Jesus speaks of 2 ways or "gates." Which way, gate, or road do you see your life heading down? Why?

Read John 10:9, John 14:6, and Acts 4:12. Meditate on how clear Scripture is about Jesus being the Way.

It's obvious why the world chooses the broad path over the narrow: One way is easy, one way is hard. One way feels comfortable, the other seems to cause discomfort. One way is popular, the other isn't. Discuss the destination of both paths and why followers of Christ will benefit (even in the here and now) from the narrow gate.

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