

Introduction:

Text: Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:22-30; John 10:7-10

A. What does it mean to enter through the broad and wide gate?

1. To believe and live by any idea that goes against the knowledge of Christ. (John 10:7-8)
2. To follow and fulfill wordly and sinful desires (Romans 1:24-32).
3. To follow the crowd (Matthew 7:13).

Truth Statement: The result of entering through the broad and wide gate is destruction (Matthew 7:13; Luke 13:24-28).

B. What does it mean to enter through the narrow or strait gate?

(Luke 13:22-24)

1. To believe in Jesus and to live by His teachings (John 10:7-10).
2. To deny oneself and allow God's will to be done (1 John 2:15-17).
3. To follow Jesus (Matthew 7:14; John 10:10).

Truth Statement: The result of entering through the narrow or strait gate is life (Matthew 7:14; John 10:10).

C. Application: We need to strive in entering through the narrow and strait gate by...

1. Anchoring our faith on who Jesus is and in the truth of His word.
2. Aligning our will to God's will for our lives.
3. Actively following Jesus by making Him Lord over every area of our lives.

Conclusion:

1) Name some of the popular ideas, slogans or sayings that you have heard on T.V. shows or on social media, that are in conflict or go against Jesus' teachings in the Bible.

2) What do you think are the main reasons why these popular ideas, slogans, or sayings are so appealing and attractive to the masses?

Read: Luke 13:22-30 and answer the following questions.

- a) What do you think Jesus meant when He said in verse 24, "***Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.***"?
- b) Why do people have a hard time choosing to make an effort to enter through the narrow gate and continue to walk on the strait path?
- c) Please review the application answers on the sermon outline letter C and suggest some practical ways on how we can grow in our love and commitment to Jesus, so that we can continue to walk on the strait and narrow path.

PRAY