



# kingdom CULTURE

## Life Group Discussion Guide Week 8 8/10/25

**Message Summary:** As we draw our summer journey through the Sermon on the Mount to a close, Elisabeth Lectka invites us to grapple with this profound question amidst the familiar yet challenging imagery of the narrow gate, good fruit, and the house built on solid rock. Jesus paints a vibrant picture of a countercultural kingdom where love, humility, and mercy reign, calling us to reflect on our choices: Will we opt for the easy, wide path leading to destruction, or will we choose the constricted path that leads to true life? With urgency, Elisabeth implores us to recognize the presence of false teachings that may distract us from our commitment to Christ. As we navigate storms and uncertainties, we find security in a solid foundation built on Jesus's words and intentions for our lives—a refuge that offers peace amidst chaos. This message is a clarion call for all seeking genuine discipleship.

**Conversation Starter:** If you had the opportunity to build a new home, what is one thing you would absolutely include?

**Prayer:**

Open our hearts to Your word, Your truth, and Your direction.

**Read the passage together:**

Matthew 7:13-27

### 3-Question Study Method

Use this method to discuss the passage

1. What is the passage about?
2. What lesson do I learn?
3. How will I apply this to my life?

## Discussion Questions:

- Read Matthew 7:13-14. How do you interpret the narrow and wide paths described in this passage? What are some practical ways we can choose the narrow path in our daily lives? Can you think of a time in your life when choosing the harder path led to a better outcome?
- The Sermon on the Mount emphasizes that the way of God is countercultural. Can you share an experience where following Jesus required you to go against societal norms?
- Read Matthew 7:15-20. How can we discern between true and false prophets? What are some ways you can ensure you are listening to the right voices and not getting swayed by misleading influences?
- Read Matthew 7:24-27. What does it mean to build your life on the solid rock of Jesus' teachings? How can we ensure our foundation is strong?
- Why is it important not just to hear Jesus' words but to put them into practice? How can we be more intentional about this?
- How does obedience to Jesus' teachings play a role in our spiritual growth and resilience during life's storms?
- How can we cultivate a deeper ability to recognize and respond to the voice of Jesus amidst the noise of the world?
- How does living according to the kingdom culture described in the Sermon on the Mount impact our relationships with others, especially those who may not share our beliefs?
- What is one specific area of your life where you feel called to make a change or take action after hearing this series about The Sermon on the Mount?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to walk the narrow path, listen to Your voice, and build our lives on the solid rock of Your teachings. Strengthen us to be salt and light in the world, reflecting Your love and grace in all we do. May Your words continue to resonate in our hearts and guide our actions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.