

CrossPoint Community Guide

October 5—Sermon on the Mount | The Narrow Gate

DINNER & DELIGHT (» 45 MIN)

- Since last week, in what ways did you think about and practice *living sent*? (from last week)

LEARN AND STUDY (» 15 MIN)

Study/Observation Questions. Read Matthew 7v13-14. Read Matthew 5v3-12.

- What stands out to you from Jesus' words about the narrow and broad gates in Matthew 7v13-14?
- The narrow road is the Jesus way—costly to walk yet leads to life. How is this true in our discipleship today, and not just one day in eternity?

PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENT (» 45 MIN)

Practice now:

- **The broad road** is crowded, comfortable, and celebrated. It's the path of self-definition and self-preservation. It's life on our own terms, even if we sprinkle a little religion on top (like serving God without walking with him).
 - The broad road pursues:
 - Success without surrender
 - Comfort without conviction
 - Progress over presence
 - Image over integrity
 - Achievement over apprenticeship
- Share an example of when you have (or currently are) walking with one foot on the narrow road and one foot on the broad road.
- **The narrow road:** is smaller, quieter, and often lonelier—because it's the road of trust, surrender, and daily dependence upon Jesus—it's the road of *greater righteousness*. It's the *life that lives out the Sermon on the Mount*.
 - The narrow road pursues:
 - Obedience over outcome
 - Formation over performance
 - Presence over progress
 - Holiness over hurry, sacrifice over status
 - Peacemaking over judgment
 - Righteousness over rightness, Jesus-type love over likes
- What road does your life reveal you're on? *Who* is leading you?

Practice this week:

- Re-read the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Note: It will take about 20min.
- Pray and think through ways you're trying to walk both roads.

REFLECT & PRAY (» 15min)

- Pray a prayer of gratitude for Jesus—the “Gate of Life” and pray courage to follow him more closely this week.