

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

WEEK: SEPTEMBER 6-13, 2025

SERIES INFO

You're Invited Series: Over four weekends, we'll talk about things that matter most: who Jesus is, why His grace is a gift, what it means to follow Him, and why it's worth it. It's a series for you—and for the person you've been meaning to invite.

PERSONAL FUN FACTS

Have you ever gotten lost because you took the wrong road, a shortcut, or an exit? What was the result and how did you find your way back? (we want details!)

TAKEAWAYS

What were the greatest “takeaways” you had from the message this week about taking the narrow road to eternal life?

DISCUSSION

Finding the Narrow Way

The Holy Spirit invites everyone into the Kingdom of God; the doors are always open. But the path is narrow, and we must find it in Jesus. Our Lord warns us that many people will go down the “broad way” to destruction by rejecting God’s way to eternal life. Jesus tells us to enter the narrow gate for it leads to life.

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14

- Why do so many not find the narrow gate? If God wants none of us to perish, why is the gate so narrow that many do not find it?
- What temptations, distractions, or pressures pull you toward the broad road?
- How do you utilize spiritual practices (the ancient paths—see Jeremiah 6:16) to specifically guide you on the right path? In other words, if you had a “spiritual GPS system,” how would you use it to give you spiritual direction?

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DISCUSSION CONTINUED

The Exclusivity of Christ

Scripture: John 14:6

Jesus is the exclusive “way, truth, and life.” The narrow gate represents entering God’s kingdom solely through faith in Christ, rather than through any other person, philosophy, or religion.

- What does Jesus mean by calling Himself, the Way?
- Jesus said that He is Truth. Why does this matter in a world full of competing ideas?
 - Why is the exclusive claim that Jesus makes of His being the only way to God become a real challenge today in our modern culture? What peace can come from Jesus’ claim?

The Radical Cost of Discipleship (Luke 9:23)

There is a cost to be a disciple of Jesus. Discipleship requires us to deny ourselves. The narrow road is not a path of ease, luxury, or even popularity. Jesus tells us that we must “deny ourselves and take up our cross daily and follow Him.”

- What does it mean to deny yourself in a culture that often says, “Be true to yourself,” or “Just follow your heart”?
- What might Jesus be asking His disciples when He says to “Take up your cross ...?”

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APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT

Walking the Narrow Road: A Spiritual Assessment

This is between you and God. Be honest and prayerful.

How would you rate yourself:

1=Rarely true of me

2=Sometimes true of me

3=Often true of me

4=Usually true of me

5=Consistently true of me

☐ I seek God's will above my own desires

☐ I pray regularly, not just when I'm in trouble

☐ I am willing to obey even when it costs me something

☐ I deny selfish impulses to serve others

☐ I am willing to be misunderstood or rejected because of my faith

☐ I view hardships as opportunities to grow in Christ

☐ I resist temptations that lead me toward the "broad road"

☐ I confess sin quickly and turn back to God

☐ My faith shapes the way I make daily decisions (work, relationships, money, and time)

☐ I forgive those who hurt me

☐ I intentionally serve others without expecting recognition

☐ I share my faith with others out of love for them

What one "narrow road" choice will you make this week (in integrity, time, relationships, or spiritual discipline)?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We thank You for calling us to follow Jesus on the narrow road that leads to life. Lord, we confess how easy it is to be drawn toward the broad road of comfort, compromise, and self. Protect us from the distractions and temptations that pull us away from You.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit to deny ourselves daily, to take up our cross, and to walk faithfully in obedience. Give us wisdom to discern Your will, courage to stand firm when the world opposes us, and joy in knowing that true life is found in You alone.

Keep our hearts fixed on Christ, our eyes set on eternity, and our steps steady on the path of righteousness. May our lives reflect Your glory and lead others toward the narrow road that leads to life.

In Jesus' name, Amen