

As It Is In Heaven

THE NARROW GATE

Matthew 7:13-29



MEMBER'S GUIDE

GETTING STARTED

Let's do life together!/Opening Discussion: Welcome to LIFEgroup, as always someone please share a God story from the past few days. Did anyone memorize Matthew 7:7? "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." Anyone remember *Matt 7:1?*

Our Subject Today: We are going to study *Matthew 7:13-29* and we'll be covering many subjects as Jesus completes His teaching on the mount.

VIDEO NOTES/QUESTIONS

Share any thoughts from the Video:

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Read *Matthew 7:13-14*

1) Why do you think Jesus choose the narrow gate that leads to life (Salvation)? Why do so many people choose the wide gate?

Read *Matthew 7:15-16*

2) Today, false prophets are false teachers; what is the message and motive of a false teacher? How can you spot a false teacher?

Read *Matthew 7:17-20*

3) How does "cost" and "life change" tell us if a person is truly a child of God? Someone, please share a "cost" and "life change" story from your life experience, either from the past or present. If we are known by the fruit we bear, what kind of fruit does a believer produce?

Read *Matthew 7:21-23*

4) These are strong words from Jesus. As we apply these words, it could be very frightening to know that although we may have said all the church words, attended worship and life groups but we still may not end up in Heaven one day. Are you 100% sure you are saved; if not can we settle that in group today?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS (cont.)**Read *Matthew 7:24-27***

5) At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches about two houses that look alike but the foundations are different. One of the main differences is one is obedient. What does obedience look like in the life of a Jesus follower?

Read *Matthew 7:28-29*

6) During Jesus' day, teachers of the law taught from tradition but Jesus did not teach from tradition. What did He teach from and how was his teachings different?

MY TAKE-AWAY**BE A DOER ("...be a doer of the word, not merely a hearer..." - *James 1:20*)**

- I will talk to my LIFEgroup leader or pastor about being 100% sure that I am saved.
- I will memorize *Matthew 7:13*

MY NEXT STEPS

1. This week, I will look at the fruit of my life and determine what my heart is producing.
2. This week, I will evaluate my walk with Christ - is it a profession or a relationship?
3. This week, I will memorize *Matthew 7:24*, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

HOW MY GROUP CAN PRAY FOR ME THIS WEEK