



WEEK FIVE | TAKE THE NARROW PATH

If you know Jesus at all, you know that while he is loving, merciful, and full of grace, he is also seeking “true” believers in his mission to save the world. He’s not looking for players. The sermon explores the contrasts between the narrow and wide gates as Jesus described in the Sermon on the Mount, emphasizing the distinction between genuine heart transformation and mere outward religious observance.

How can you tell if someone is being fake (not-genuine)?

How do you feel when you encounter someone like that?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Matthew 7:13–14. (The narrow and wide gates)

Jesus dealt with religious showmen, most likely, every day. These were the spiritual elite and powerful who loved their position at the expense of serving God. Jesus was harder on these people than he ever was on unbelievers. These wolves in sheep’s clothing should know better.

How easy is it to play the part of a believer and feel good about it?

How would you describe the process of becoming truly transformed into a follower of Jesus?

Read John 14:6 and Acts 4:12

How do passages like these challenge what many people claim about salvation?

Many see the narrow gate as a frightening thing. Why would someone think that?

APPLY IT

What kind of limitations does Jesus put on loving God and loving others?

Where or how are you hanging on to ways that lead to wide gate/road living?

What would be different about you if you were confidently heading through the narrow gate?

P R A Y

Make this time an indispensable part of your group. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.