

LIFEGROUP NOTES: MATTHEW 7:13-14

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Preparing for God's Word

How do you respond when you hear the word "narrow"? Why?

Read Mt 7:13-14

1. What do you think Jesus meant by describing the gate and the road that lead to destruction as "broad"? Why is this road attractive to so many?
2. What do you think Jesus meant by describing the gate and the road that lead to life as "narrow"? Why do few take it?
3. In the light of "the great multitude" that eventually make up the company of the redeemed in Rev 7:9, why do you think Jesus says Mt 7:14 that "only a few" find the road that leads to life? What is the point that Jesus is seeking to get across in Mt 7:14?
4. What makes the narrow road challenging for you personally? In what ways do you have trouble staying on the narrow path? How can we help each other at our weakest points?
5. Read the following passages: John 10:9, John 14:6, Acts 4:12. Why do you think so many people dislike the notion that there is only one gate and only one road that leads to life?
6. How might you respond to someone who insists there are multiple ways to God?
7. What concrete changes in your life are demanded by Jesus' teaching in these verses?

Responding in Prayer

- Thank God that despite our sin, He has provided a way that leads to life. Ask for the grace to continue to walk the narrow way. Pray for those you know who are currently on the broad road.

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