



Discussion and Prayer Guide July 18, 2021

Read: Matthew 7:13-14

Ask:

- What do you think Jesus means by the narrow gate and afflicted way leading to life? What do you think he means by the wide gate and broad path leading to destruction? What are these gates and paths?
- Why are the wide gate and broad path so alluring? What makes it easier to follow and enter them?
- What in your life tends to lure you away from the kingdom of Jesus? What broad path and wide gate is most attractive to you?
- What is the difference between the gate and the path? What kind of faith decision does a gate represent? What kind of walk does a path represent?
- Do you need to make the decision to repent of your sin and trust Jesus?
- Do you need to recommit to a walk of faith in endurance and courage?
- How does the gospel help you enter the narrow gate and walk the afflicted path?

Pray:

- Praise God for the gospel, in which Jesus walked the afflicted path before us and on our behalf, to pay the penalty of our sin
- Praise God for graciously inviting us to enter his kingdom
- Confess that we are often distracted by and attracted to things that are not his kingdom
- Ask God to empower us by his Spirit to walk in this life with courage, conviction, and endurance of faith
- Ask God to help us boldly direct other people to Jesus and ask them to enter through the narrow gate