



Sermon on the Mount: Entering the Gate

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We are now entering a turning point in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is asking his followers to begin living out what he's said and introduces the reality of attempting to live out this message.

What are some things that fit the old saying, "easier said than done"?

Together as a group read through **Matthew 7:12-14**, take the time to read from a few different translations.

Who is Jesus' intended audience? Why is that even significant?

Is there any significance to verse 12 being in the positive sense, instead of negative?

What are the difference between the two gates Jesus speaks of?

How we live as a follower of Jesus has meaning; and there is not an easy way to put it into practice.

*Why do you think that the **hard** way leads to life and the **easy** way leads to destruction?*

Have you seen this principle proven true in any facet of your own life?

When has the easy way backfired with serious consequences?

Jesus knew that the Golden Rule would be easy to say and much more difficult to put into practice. Jesus wants us to avoid the wasted life found at the end of the wide path, and fully be committed to the abundant life found on the narrow path.

Is it possible to be a follower of Jesus and still walk the wide path towards a wrecked life?

How can we know which path we are on? How do we self diagnose our path?

What does life look like, practically speaking, when we walk the narrow path?