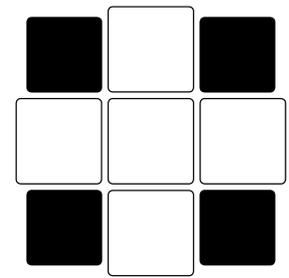


# The Narrow Door

Scripture: **Luke 13:22–30**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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## Overview

Some people have the perception that Christianity is an exclusive club to which only the “special” gain entrance. Jesus makes it clear in this passage that while it is *exclusive* of him being the only point of entry, it’s *inclusive* in that the free gift of grace is available to all. We must strive to enter through the narrow door, namely by repentance and by faith, and invite others into the kingdom with us. The stakes are high because hell is a real place and mere familiarity with Jesus isn’t enough. **Many will be saved, but all must come through the narrow door of Jesus Christ.**

## Corroborating Texts

Mark 2:1-12, Romans 10:13-15, Matthew 7:13-14, John 14:6, John 10:9, Matthew 7:21-23

## Discussion Questions

1. From a cultural standpoint, why do you think there’s so much hostility to the exclusivity claims of Jesus? What’s your initial reaction to hearing these words from Jesus?
2. Why is it not works-righteousness to say that we must “strive” to enter the narrow door? What does this “striving” look like practically?
3. What makes it difficult to enter the narrow door? What difficulty did you experience leading up to believing in Christ for the first time?
4. In what way is the narrow door exclusive and in what way is it inclusive? Why is this distinction important to make?
5. Jesus’ teaching on the reality of hell is clear in this passage. Why are we often so apathetic to the reality of hell? What would be different about our lives if we took it seriously?
6. Knowing the door is still open, what keeps you from sharing the gospel with those around you? Who’s one person you want to be praying for and inviting in?