Wide and Narrow...

Matthew 7:13-14

Wide Road to Destruction:

"Pop-Religious Beliefs"

- 1. All religions worship the SAME god
- 2. God is a 'GRANDFATHER' and would NEVER Judge
- 3. You can do what you want as long as it doesn't HURT someone else

The Crowd will lead you in the Wrong Direction.

- 4. The crowd LAUGHED at Moses. They were Wrong!
- 5. The crowd said they couldn't take the PROMISED land. They were Wrong!

Narrow Road

John 10:9 | John 14:6 | Hebrews 2:17 | Acts 4:12 | 1 John 5:12

- 6. People say "that is so NARROW MINDED".
- 7. That's EXACTLY what Jesus is saying.

Take our Stand

- 8. You need to enter through the narrow gate YOURSELF
- 9. Tell people how to get to HEAVEN
- 10. We've got to: GO, PRAY, GIVE

Life Group Questions

- I know this is a hard teaching. The world is pulling us in different directions. Discuss with your Life Group what challenges you are facing today.
- 2) Pastor Terry said "Truth by definition is narrow." How do you communicate John 14:6 to people who believe there are many ways to heaven?
- 3) Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused you or challenged you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we heard that there are evangelicals that believe that some people who have never heard of Jesus will still be saved. They quote the story of Acts 10 (Cornelius the Centurion) as an example. Review this story and discuss how this might or might not be an accurate example of knowing Jesus as the only way to the Father.
- 5) In Matthew 28, we read of the Great Commission where Jesus tells us to go and preach and teach the Gospel to all nations. Do we need to first grow strong and healthy internally before we support missions or do we grow strong AS we support others?

TAKING IT HOME

1) Taking a stand for what we believe is not easy. This week share with your group times when you were tempted to compromise your faith. Commit to praying for them and ask them to pray for you as you journey through life together.

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