

THE NARROW DOOR



Word: Luke 13:22-30

²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' ²⁶ "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' ²⁸ "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

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Discussion:

1. Share with your discipleship group your answer to this question: "If you were to go to heaven tomorrow, and God asked you why He should let you in, what would you say?"
2. What should our response be to question #1? In other words, how does one enter through the narrow door? (*Jn. 3:16, 1:12-13, 5:24; Ep. 2:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 4:12 & Ro. 10:9-10*)
3. What can we expect when we enter through the door? (*Lk. 13:29; Rev. 21*)
What happens to those who do not enter? (*Lk. 13:25-28; Rev. 21:27*)

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that as we enter through the narrow door that we will stay inside the door.
2. Pray for the Lord to use you to lead others to enter through the narrow door.