

Community Group Homework Questions

1. In Luke 13:24, Jesus says “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.” The gate to salvation is narrow because Jesus is the exclusive way to salvation. How would you defend the exclusivity of Jesus for salvation from Scripture? How does the exclusivity of Jesus for salvation counter the sin of self-righteousness or legalism (seeking to earn favor with God through our works)?
2. What are some of the reasons people refuse to turn to Christ for salvation? How should we respond to those specific reasons in an evangelistic conversation?
3. Jesus equates salvation to knowing Him personally as Lord and Savior (see Phil 3:8, John 17:3). Why is it insufficient for salvation to know true facts about Jesus or true facts about the gospel? What does it mean to know Jesus personally as Lord and Savior? What are the implications of knowing Jesus personally as Lord and Savior?
4. Jesus said in Luke 13:30, “And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.” Pastor Bryan said when this statement is used in Matthew’s gospel it means that “eventually, all those who have faithfully followed the Lord Jesus will end up the same. In other words, if you came to faith in Christ as a teenager and you faithfully live for Christ and serve Him until you are 70, you aren’t going to be rewarded more than the person who came to Christ at 50 and faithfully lived for Him and served Him until he was 70.” Therefore, as Pastor Bryan stated, “The issue with Him is faithfulness from the time He called you into His family, whether that is for 50 years or 15 years.” How might we be tempted to be complacent or coast through the Christian life? How should the fact that God is concerned about our faithfulness to Him from the day He called us into His family until the day we go to be with Him motivate daily faithfulness to Him?

Strive to Enter the Narrow Gate

Luke 13:22-30

Series #84

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Strive to Enter the Narrow Gate.”** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What does the phrase, “verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture” mean?
2. Were the vocabulary, personalities, and purposes of the human authors a part of the inspiration of Scripture process?
3. Almost all of the statements in Luke 13:22-30 appear where else in Scripture?
4. Is it possible that Jesus made all of the statements of Luke 13:22-30 at various times and Luke puts them altogether as one?
5. We see the statement of verse 22 repeatedly to inform us of the fact that Jesus was always what?
6. What was our Lord’s ultimate destination?
7. Do you really believe what Jesus said about the narrow gate that few find?
8. It would be more accurate to say that when we get to heaven, we are going to be surprised at what?
9. The “many” Jesus refers to are not what kind of people?
10. Many people oppose the “what” of the gospel message?
11. Verse 24 provides intensity by starting with what word?

12. It was perfectly natural for Jesus to do what?
13. Jesus commanded people to enter through the narrow gate. He claimed to be the what?
14. Where did the apostles echo the same message as Jesus, regarding the Lord's exclusive way to salvation?
15. The narrow gate is constricted and precise because it is only by what?
16. The way that leads to destruction is what?
17. When Jesus says, "I do not know you," He is saying we never what?
18. Are you on the narrow road that leads to destruction?
19. Being a Christian is receiving Jesus Christ into your life so that you what?
20. You can know about Jesus without what?
21. If you are trying to earn your salvation by any means other than by faith, having a relationship with Jesus Christ, that is a what?
22. Jesus is addressing people who are holding up what?
23. Your eternal destiny depends upon what?
24. Hell is going to be so awful, according to Jesus, that people will do what?
25. "Outer darkness/pitch black darkness" is the way Jesus often described what?
26. Hell is going to be so horrifying that you ought to do what?
27. Is there anything in your life causing you to hold back from the Lord Jesus? What?
28. Jesus refers to the four corners of the earth to make it clear that who will be present in the kingdom feast?
29. Even though the Gentiles were the last to hear the gospel, they did what?
30. All who have faithfully followed the Lord Jesus will end up what?
31. The issue with Jesus is not the number of years one has served Him, but what?
32. The parable in Matthew 20 illustrates what about our Lord?
33. The parable is a reminder of what, in relation to heaven?
34. Who is an example of the lesson learned from the parable in Matthew 20?
35. Do you know our generous, good, and gracious Lord? Do you truly know Him?
36. Have you, like the thief on the cross, repented of your sins and received our Lord's gracious gift of forgiveness and eternal life?