

Questions

1. Summarize what you've studied so far in the Sermon in the Mount. In what way did the command of Jesus to enter by the narrow gate call for people to respond?
2. Why is being a disciple of Jesus the most necessary prerequisite to having a righteousness that exceeds the scribes and the Pharisees? Can you have that kind of righteousness without following Jesus?
3. What can we glean from this passage about the ease with which we either follow the world or follow Jesus? Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt 11:29). Why then does it seem that the path of following Jesus is not always easy?
4. John 6:44 says that no one can come to Jesus unless he or she is drawn by the Father. God is gracious and sovereign in saving sinners. And yet, why is it also important that Jesus uses the language of "those who find it are few," in 7:14? (Hint: God's sovereignty/Man's responsibility)
5. "...the way is hard that leads to life..." speaks of a way that squeezes or confines. What does that mean for the Christian life? In what way(s) has following Jesus been rightfully restrictive for you?
6. Jesus compared the numbers of people on the two paths: the many and the few. What do people find attractive about being part of the many?
7. How is Jesus' promised outcome for those who follow the narrow path a daily incentive for your following of Him?

The King's Manifesto

The Sermon on the Mount **Enter By The Narrow Gate**

Matthew 7:13-14

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In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus called people to follow Him and be His disciples, and then He explained how following Him would be different from the path they were already following.

The command in 7:13-14: Enter by the narrow gate!

Four words that help explain how the two paths are different:

1. **Ease**

2. Appeal

4. Outcomes

3. Numbers