

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 7:13-14

“Kingdom Decisions”

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” **Matthew 7:13-14**

- 1) **In what ways is life like a road? How would you describe the road of your own life?**

- 2) **Give examples of how our choices and decisions expose how much we do or don't treasure God.**

- 3) **Why does Jesus describe the entrance (“gate”) to the Kingdom of God as “narrow”? How does that affect your view of *salvation* (faith in God through the crucified and risen Christ)?**

- 4) **Why does Jesus describe the road (“way”) to the Kingdom of God as “hard”? How does that affect your view of *discipleship* (following Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior)?**

- 5) **What are the differences between the “narrow” and “wide” gate? What are the differences between the “hard” and “easy” way?**

- 6) **Why does Jesus tell us that those who enter the Kingdom of God will be “few”? How does that affect your view of *evangelism and missions* (sharing the good news of the Gospel)?**

- 7) **How has our faith in Christ, and the church, been affected by “Have it your way” theology?**

- 8) **What is the Kingdom “life” we are promised after the “narrow gate” and the “hard way”?**

- 9) **Define and discuss the implications of the statement: “In Christ there is no disconnect between what captures our heart and the things we do in life.”**

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference. Robert Frost*