

Jesus says...

WEEK 11 | NARROW GATE | MATTHEW 7:13-20

Inspection – “What does it say?”

What three metaphors does Jesus use in these verses?
Where does the small gate and narrow road lead?
What do false prophets do in order to conceal their identity?
How do we recognize a good tree from a bad tree?
What happens to the tree that does not bear good fruit? What does this mean?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

What does the word “enter” assume about our lives?
Who is the narrow gate and who is the wide gate?
Why is the wide gate more popular than the narrow gate?
How has following Jesus caused you to experience that narrow road feeling?
What is more important: what a person says or what a person does?

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Pray that you can help someone find and travel the narrow road.
Consider who or what you follow the most in your life. Do you need to change course?
Make a list of good and bad fruit that is being produced by how you live. Remove the bad!!
Put down some deep roots in Jesus and His Word this week.
Spend some time on www.joshuaproject.net praying for those who need a good shepherd.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

John 15:8	Galatians 5:22-23	Colossians 1:10	James 3:17
John 15:5	Ephesians 5:9	2 Peter 1:5-8	Romans 7:4

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Sowing In the Morning

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by, the harvest and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Tho', the loss sustained, our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
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We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

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