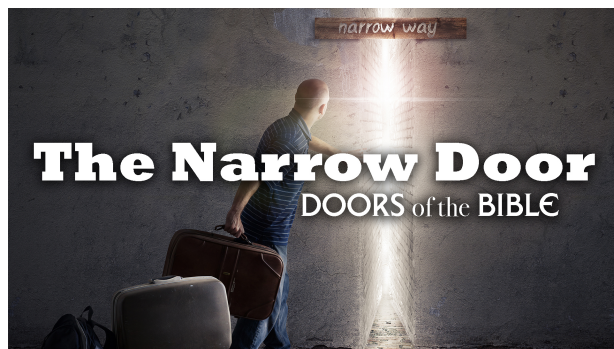


“Strive to enter through the _____ door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.” (Luke 13:24)



We understand what it's like to encounter “narrow” situations (Num 22:22-26).

Significantly, Jesus used the everyday idea of a “narrow” passage on more than one occasion to teach and challenge his disciples:

● In his sermon on the mount (Matt 5-7)

“_____ by the narrow _____. 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” (7:13-14).

👤 There are only _____ gates.

👤 The gates are entrances to two different “_____” —one that leads to destruction and one that leads to life.

👤 The _____ of people are passing through the wrong gate, walking the wrong path, headed for the wrong destination.

● Journeying to Jerusalem (Luke 13:22-30)

“For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be _____” (13:24). *Why not?*

👤 They're trying to carry things that won't _____ through the door (Matt 5-6; Luke 18:25)

👤 The master has _____ the door

👤 The master doesn't _____ them (Matt 7:21-23)

👤 They didn't seek _____ the kingdom of God (Matt 6:33)

Five Important Connections

1. If my _____ is more broad than the Master's, I'm treading on dangerous ground (1 Cor 2:14-16; Gal 1:10).

2. I don't have the right to make the gate more _____ than the Master has made it (Matt 23:13-14; Gal 2:14).

3. Following Jesus and doing the right thing isn't always the _____ or most popular way, but it leads to life.

4. God isn't going to change who he is just because I want to hold _____ the wrong things (1 Pet 5:6-7).

5. When I “cast _____ the works of darkness,” I'm ready and able to “put _____ the armor of light” that my King wants me to wear (Rom 13:12-14).