



Sunday Worship 3-6-22
Sermon Series: NEXT—1

A series based on the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus gave and His examples of choices we have to make in our lives.

Scripture Text:

Matthew 7:13-14

(Jesus teaching) 13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Supporting Scriptures:

Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

John 10:9-10 (Jesus said) 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Luke 13:24 (Jesus said) “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

Jeremiah 21:8 Furthermore, tell the people, ‘This is what the Lord says: See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

WHAT THE NARROW GATE DOES NOT HAVE:

1. No room for _____.
 - a. Psalm 119:3 They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in His paths.
 - b. Revelation 2:20 (Jesus to the church in Thyatira) “But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols.

WHAT THE NARROW GATE DOES NOT HAVE:

2. No room for _____.
 - a. Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.
 - b. Matthew 6:27 (Jesus asked) Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?
 - c. 2 Timothy 1:7 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

WHAT THE NARROW GATE DOES NOT HAVE:

3. No room for _____.
 - a. Matthew 12:36 (Jesus) But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.
 - b. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

c. Mark 12:30 (Jesus said) And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. 'This is the first commandment.

WHAT THE NARROW GATE DOES HAVE:

1. _____ walks on this road.

a. Titus 2:7-8 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, & sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

b. Matthew 5:3 (Jesus said) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

c. Matthew 5:7-9 (Jesus said) 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

WHAT THE NARROW GATE DOES HAVE:

2. _____ walks on this road.

a. James 1:4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

b. Matthew 5:5 (Jesus said) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

WHAT THE NARROW GATE DOES HAVE:

3. _____ gets help on this road.

a. Matthew 5:6 (Jesus said) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

b. Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 But (Jesus) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Conclusion:

Psalm 23:1-6

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Reflection:

What is NEXT for you?