

TALK IT OVER

The Year of Jesus:

The Narrow Gate

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Share a time when you had to travel through a narrow passageway. Was it worth it?

Please read **Matthew 7:13-23** aloud.

- What does walking through “the narrow gate” mean to you personally; share an experience where impartiality was the key.

Please read **Hebrews 12:28** aloud.

- How can we honor God in our daily decisions with deep respect?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 MSG

“Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.”

- Share a time when you have persistently communicated with God and tell us how God has shown up when you keep going to Him.

Philippians 2:3-4 NCV

“When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.”

- How can you actively protect the well-being of others in your community, even when it’s inconvenient? (who’s your community?)

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Start praying: Be bold and pray with power.

Father, Thank You for the journey You call us on - through narrow paths of faith and wide opportunities of growth. Help us to treat everyone with fairness. Teach us to respect You in every decision, holding You in awe. Give us the staying power for prayer, never giving up even when it’s hard. And lead us to care for others’ well-being, looking beyond ourselves. May we live these truths daily, and may our choices reflect Your love. In Jesus’ precious name, Amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three, take time for healing prayer or pray with individuals requesting prayer. This is important!

Start doing:

Meditate on the words of **Matthew 7** - What does this truly mean to you?

James 1:22 TPT

“Don’t just listen to the Word of Truth and not respond to it, for that is the essence of self-deception. So always let His Word become like poetry written and fulfilled by your life!”

Luke 6:46 NIV

“Why do you call me, “Lord, Lord” and do not do what I say?”