



# Bible Study Questions

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## Discussion Starter

How do you plan where you want to go – what considerations do you take into account?

What is your dream trip or journey? If you could travel anywhere, where would that be?

## Read & Reflect

Read Matthew 7:13-14

- What stands out to you, or what do you notice?
- What questions are raised for you?
- What challenges you?

## Questions

This teaching comes at the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Jesus has been discussing the principles of living in the Kingdom of God—covering topics from the Beatitudes to loving enemies, fasting, prayer, and forgiveness. He concludes with a series of warnings about false prophets, true disciples, and making wise choices. The narrow and wide gates represent a key choice: which path we will take.

1. Jesus says “enter through the narrow gate...” what does the word “enter” imply? What other things or situations in life do we “enter into”?
2. Jesus uses “road” as a metaphor, what does he mean as he describes the two “roads”?
3. In many ways Jesus has been describing what it is like to walk or travel the narrow road versus the wide road throughout the Sermon on the Mount. Thinking back through Matthew 5-7, what are some of the characteristics of those who travel the narrow road and those on the wide?
4. A small gate and a narrow road suggest a less than easy or simple journey. What challenges have you encountered on the narrow road of following Jesus?
5. Why stay on the narrow road when the wide gate and broad road seems much easier?

## Application

- a. What are some specific areas of your life where you feel the tension between the narrow and wide paths?
- b. How can you help others see the value of choosing the narrow gate, even when it's hard?

## Further study and reflection

The Bible Project - <https://bibleproject.com/articles/what-narrow-gate-bible-matthew-713-14-meaning/>