

LIFT

TOGETHER

GRACE > GRAVITY

CHRIST CHURCH 

● GROUP DISCUSSION

PREPARE

A. Pray this week's focus Scripture TOGETHER | Matthew 7:13–14

Lord Jesus there are so many voices leading away from You, TOGETHER, may You give us ears to hear and eyes to see and a will to follow You, through the narrow gate toward a life of meaning.

B. Share how you completed the journaling prompt at the end of this weekend's worship service.

C. Ice breaker question | How well have you dealt with peer pressure throughout your life? Any examples you are proud of or embarrassed by?

RECEIVE

Slowly and prayerfully read Matthew 7:13–29 twice.

Have one person read the passage out loud. After each reading, have a few moments of silence during which you ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into knowing and living what you are to receive from today's study.

REFLECT

1. What makes going through the narrow gate difficult? Why does it seem difficult to find?

2. Why do so many people choose the broad road?

3. What is Jesus telling us about being His disciple, student, follower?

4. As followers of Jesus, if generosity is a key aspect of the narrow road, what is the wide road? How does it look to live each road?

5. In verses 15–29 Jesus gives us three vignettes. Compare and contrast each one.

6. Focusing on the spiritual practice of generosity, how would you describe generosity...

a. good fruit?

b. living obediently?

c. building on a firm foundation?

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7. With generosity in mind, what specific actions can you take to stay on the narrow road, following the way of Jesus?

8. Read Matthew 7:13–14 in The Message paraphrase of the Scriptures. Restate it with a life of generosity in mind.

RESPOND TOGETHER

- Take five minutes and brainstorm practical ways you can live into the narrow way of living generously. What are some small and large actions you can incorporate into your personal life, your family life, small group or church community?
- TOGETHER with your small group and family, encourage one another to be among the few who find this path to Christian meaning. Make a first-time commitment to our LIFT initiative or follow through on the one you've made, or maybe even deepen your commitment.
- As you wrap up your group time this week, go around and pray for the person on your right that TOGETHER, empowered by the Holy Spirit, they would have the faith to consistently choose the narrow way leading to a life of meaning with Jesus.

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