



**A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of May 1, 2022**

**The Narrow Gate**

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 7:13-14](#)

<sup>13</sup>“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

- We like to have choices. God mercifully limits our choices—more than we know. Can you **share about a time when the Lord unexpectedly corrected your course in life?**
- Jesus describes **two ways, gates, destinations, and groups**. What are they, and how is **each described?**
- **In what sense** is the gate that leads to destruction wide and the way easy?
- **In what sense** is the gate that leads to life narrow and the way hard?
- Why doesn't God **make the gate to life wider** and the way **easier?**
- Why would anyone **choose a harder, narrower, less popular way?**
- Jesus has a similar message in [Luke 13:22-29](#): Kingdom access is given to whole world (29), but many who thought they would enter the Kingdom were unable (24). Jesus simply says, “Strive to enter through the narrow door” (24). **How can you know you are entering through that door?**
- The One teaching here described Himself as the unique way ([John 14:6](#)) and door ([John 10:7](#)). Thank the Father for granting access to His Kingdom. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead people to life through Jesus Christ. **Repent and pray together** in light of this week's passage.