

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Walking With Jesus
The Narrow Door
Luke 13:22-30



Big Idea

We Must Be Diligent to Know Jesus, Because There Is Only One Way to Heaven (to be saved) And Many Seekers Will Miss It!

1. Salvation is not universal, but the need for it is.
2. Being religious or even seeking salvation, is not the same as knowing Jesus.
3. With salvation, the stakes are unimaginably high, and eternal.

Introduction

How often do you think about heaven (never, seldom, once in a while, or often)? When (or what circumstances make you think about heaven? Why?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 13:22-30

What is Jesus' focus as he makes his way toward Jerusalem (vs 22)? (Hint: see verses 31-33). How might this focus affect his teaching? Why is this important?

Do you think the question asked in verse 23 is a good one? What kind of answer might the person have expected? How does Jesus answer the question (describe the symbolism of the analogy)?

What is the significance of the door being, “narrow”? Since the door is narrow, what should those outside be making a priority to do? What attitudes might prevent someone from entering? Do you observe those in the culture around you? In yourself?

How does the owner respond to those demanding to get in? Why would he not open the door for them?

Why are the outsiders surprised that they did not get in? How does this relate to people around us today?

What is the blessing of going through the door? The consequences of not? Are those relevant for us today? Why or why not?

Compare and contrast those who entered and those who were left outside. What should those who did not get in have done in order for Jesus to know them? (Hint: see 13:1-5, Rom. 10:9, Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19). Describe what this looks like in your life.

Do you think Jesus was too strong (harsh) in answering this question? Why or why not? How should Jesus’ response cause us to evaluate our lives? Our attitude about sharing the gospel with others?

Next Steps

Evaluate your life and experience with knowing Jesus. Repent and believe if you sense you have been on the outside. Rejoice in being invited to the feast.

Write down a list of the credentials that people base their entrance into heaven on. List scriptures that clearly define the gospel and what it means.

Think of a person that needs to enter the door. Pray for them and look for an opportunity to share the good news of the gospel.

Prayer

Pray with thankfulness that you are invited to the feast of the kingdom of God and rejoice in going through the open-door Jesus provides. Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.