

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (WEEK 17)

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – MAY 23, 2010
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What's your name? Go around your group and briefly share when you decided to follow Jesus. (Note: This may take a little longer than the usual icebreaker, but try to answer the question briefly. In addition, if you are not yet a follower of Jesus, you can tell your group that without any fear of being judged - we're grateful you're part of a group).

study

1. Why does this section of the Sermon on the Mount mark a transition? Explain.
2. Read Matthew 7:13-14. What is the first contrast Jesus makes in these verses? What does Jesus mean by "narrow gate"? Do you think these words are welcome today? Why or why not?
3. What is the second contrast Jesus makes? Describe in your own words why the wide gate is "easy" and the narrow gate is "hard." Have you seen this to be true in your own life?
4. What is the third contrast Jesus makes? Why do you think people do not believe/consider this? How should a Christian be different?
5. What is the fourth contrast Jesus makes? How can someone be certain they are part of the "few"?
6. What is the difference between an admirer and follower?
7. What would our lives look like if we really chose to follow Jesus and commit our lives to Him?
8. What does Jesus want us to *do*?
9. What's the one thing you know you need to do as a result of this message? What is the main thing that God revealed to you?

pray

1. Pray that we would be men and women who are not just admirers of Jesus, but people who follow Jesus with our whole lives.
2. Prayer requests – how can you specifically pray for each other this week?