

# Teaching Notes

Series: Spirit Life

Week 8

Finding *our place* on the grass ☺

**Matt 7:13-14 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. <sup>14</sup> But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

**Our choices determine our destiny.**

**John 10:6-9 (NLT)**<sup>6</sup> Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn’t understand what he meant, <sup>7</sup> so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.

**John 14:6 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

The “gate” is a \_\_\_\_\_!

**Entering God’s Kingdom is “now”**

**Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)**

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. <sup>24</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it

Very narrow = Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ into a relationship with the Father.

The road is difficult = Getting into the Kingdom is simple but living the kingdom life takes \_\_\_\_\_.

**Only a few ever find it = only a small percentage of people will commit to living the life that Jesus calls us to live.**

**Our words and actions should be a walking billboard!!**

**Matt 7:21-23 (NLT)**

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ <sup>23</sup> But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

Jesus’ isn’t trying to scare us into \_\_\_\_\_ about our eternal destiny.

How we live \_\_\_\_\_, matters for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Next Steps:**

- Keep your Teaching Outline and bring it to Adult Small Group on Sunday at 10am.
- Review the Teaching Outline during the week.
- **Consider:** What kind of “walking billboard” am I for the Kingdom of God?

**Closing Song:** Jesus, Only Jesus, by Matt Redman