**SERMON NOTES**

**Wonderful Words of Life: The Sermon on the Mount**

**“Two Roads”**

**Matthew 7: 13-14**

**BIG IDEA: Let us this morning by God’s grace and the work of the Holy Spirit consider seriously this morning all that Jesus has taught us in this Sermon on the Mount and the fact that there are before us all, two gates, two roads, and two ways to live.**

**Jesus is describing two ways of being in the world: one that leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_eternal and one that leads to destruction eternal.**

**As Jesus is concluding His sermon, He asks you a very important question “What am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to do with all that He has said to me?”**

**From all that Jesus has taught us in the Sermon on the Mount, He wants us to:**

1. **Have seen and recognized our spiritual poverty and need for true righteousness that can only come through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Him and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of sin.**
2. **Our continuing need for God to work in our lives to make us less like our sinful self and increasingly more like Him.**

**Jesus is commanding those who have heard His teaching in the Sermon on the Mount to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by taking action and that action is to “enter by the narrow gate.”**

**Jesus does not want us to hear God’s word and conclude anything different than the truth that we must give ourselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to what He has taught by faith and repentance and continually walking in with Him.**

 **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gate is the embracing of all that Jesus has taught us, namely of our poverty and spirit and never ending need for His righteousness: first in salvation and continually throughout the rest of our lives in our growth to be increasingly like Him.**

**The first thing that we need to understand about the wide gate is that it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is deceptive (Hebrews 3:13)**

**The wide gate is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 14:12; Judges 21: 15)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the gate that misses woefully all that Jesus has been trying to show us and teach us about ourselves, our own heart, our need for a righteousness and a new heart that only He can give us by acknowledgement of our need for him, faith in His perfect sacrifice, and repentance of our sin.**

**The gate is wide because many will try to find their way to happiness through manmade rules or the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of freedom through the rejection of rules, not knowing that they are slaves to even that pursuit of ‘freedom’.**

**The wide gate is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because it embraces all that is natural and affectionate to us to our hearts and our flesh.**

**The gate to life eternal is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because it involves embracing Jesus alone as the only source to be made right with God and to keep oneself continually right with God.**

**The narrow gate is entered by recognizing our sinfulness and need for God and in response turning to faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life, death, resurrection that ensures our forgiveness from God (John 10: 7-10).**

**We enter the gate by obeying trusting Jesus not perfectly but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**In verse 14 that the narrow gate is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is to say that those who f*ind* the narrow gate are those who seek after it.**

**When we by God’s grace in our life enter by the narrow gate through faith and repentance in Jesus Christ, we will find that it is inexhaustibly worth it - it doesn’t take our life, it gives us life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and everlasting.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the narrow way. You will not find it by any other means than the exceeding righteousness that Jesus tells us is required to enter the heaven and then meets in Himself for you.**

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**Congregational Scripture Reading – John 10: 7 – 11**

**So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**