

YOUR KINGDOM COME

Kingdom Living

Enter the Narrow Gate

Matthew 7:12-14

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father God, you are Righteous, Just, Good, Holy, and worthy of our full, undivided devotion, honor and glory. We confess our often passive, indifferent, casual approach to your Word, your kingdom, your righteousness, your church. We confess our scattered and wandering interests and affections as sin and ask for your grace to produce repentance and obedience in us that we might seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Thank you for gathering us here this morning, Lord. Thank you for promising to speak to us through your Word. Cause, O Father, your Spirit to kindle our hearts this morning to look to Jesus our King and Savior that we might enter by the narrow gate of His Kingdom and that we might live as kingdom citizens, as salt and light in this world. Would you, O LORD, speak life in us that we might see and hear and receive your Word this morning with conviction and faith. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Summary for the Sermon on the Mount (v. 12)
2. Summons to Enter the Narrow Gate (vv. 13-14)
 - A. Two Gates: Wide & Narrow
 - B. Two Ways: Easy & Hard
 - C. Two Groups: Many & Few
 - D. Two Ends: Destruction & Life

Central Textual Truth

Jesus is calling his disciples to enter by the narrow gate.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to enter the narrow gate.