

*SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek  
April 28, 2024*

Pre-service Psalter 228: 1-2 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 2: 1,3,5 \*\*

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20

Psalter 322: 1,4 \*\*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7: 7-29

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service

Psalter 398 \*\*

**Text: Matthew 7:13-14**

**Theme: Only Two Ways**

**1. *Contrasting the Ways***

**2. *Characters on the Broad Way***

**3. *Called to the Narrow Road***

Prayer

Psalter 31: 1-2, 6-7 \*\*

Benediction

Doxology: "Praise God..." \*\*

\*\* Please stand if you are able

1. What are the four contrasts mentioned about the broad and narrow way? Which contrast do you find most striking?
2. What are some of the sins committed on the broad road that Jesus shows us in the sermon on the Mount? Who are walking on the broad road? What is the biggest difference with the people on the narrow road?
3. Why does the Lord Jesus say that there will be only few that will enter the narrow gate? Why will some who will knock on heaven's door not be let in?
4. Meditate on both roads. How does this text lead you to pray about your most pressing spiritual need?
5. \* How many roads are there? Which one leads to heaven? What sins are okay on the broad road? Are you walking on the narrow road? \*

***Question for Self-Reflection***

# On which road are you? Do you know the desires of the narrow road?

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

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Pre-service Psalter 90: 1,7 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 146: 2-3, 7-8 \*\*

Scripture Reading: James 3:14-4:10

Belgic Confession of Faith Article 10-11

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service

Psalter 138 \*\*

**Text: James 4:1**

**Theme: The Heart of Conflict**

**1. Passionate Heart Desires**

**2. Progressing Heart Desires**

**3. Pernicious Heart Desires**

**4. Peaceful Heart Desires**

Prayer

Psalter 144: 1-2, 4-5 \*\*

Benediction

Doxology: 400: 1,3,7 \*\*

\*\* Please stand if you are able

2. Why and how do people who have bitter envy and strife in their lives lie against the truth? Where does worldly wisdom come from?

3. How does a legitimate desire spiral out of control into a full-fledged conflict? Which four steps can we trace in chapter 4?

4. What is so pernicious about sinful and selfish heart desires that lead to conflict in our lives?

5. How can we learn true wisdom? What does true wisdom look like?

6.

7. \* What is true wisdom? Where do fights come from? Why are they sinful? Who can teach us peace/true wisdom? \*

***Question for Self-reflection***

# Are there relationships that you have that need the healing of the Gospel? If so, what do you need to do, according to the book of James? How does the Gospel help you?

\* *Questions for younger children*

1. Why did James write his epistle? What is his focus? How is that related to true wisdom?