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Matthew 7:13-14

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus begins the conclusion of His sermon. As He does, He makes some pretty big points about the nature of the Christian life.

- How does choosing to follow Jesus (the narrow gate and path) mean saying no to the world (the broad gate and path)? Share an example from your life where, by choosing the kingdom route you have automatically said no to the other route.

- How does the idea of gates leading to roads apply to people's lives? Share an example of how you have walked through a gate in your life that has led to a path for your life. Example: When you chose to marry (gate), it led to a life (path) of commitment to another person through thick and thin.

- How does this principle play out positively (narrow)? Negatively (broad)?

- How does this passage infer that decision-making and choices are a part of the Kingdom Life?

Finally, and most exciting to me...

- How have these verses traditionally been interpreted? What kind of life do they describe?

- How does the context of these verses change the meaning we often attribute to them?

- What would it look like for you to live a 7:13 life? A life of Kingdom risk and adventure? How does it apply to you, in Ventura, California, 2010?

- How did the passage/sermon this week touch, intrigue, challenge, enlighten, convict, upset, affirm or simply make you think?