

Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.

Connect:

- *What weird habits did you grow up with, or currently have?*

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 7:13-14

- *What is your initial response to this passage of scripture? What stands out to you? What questions or insights do you have?*
- *In your own words, what lesson is Jesus trying to teach his audience? What can we learn from this passage of scripture?*
- *Who or what is the narrow gate? (see John 10:7-11) Why do few people find it?*
- *What is the wide gate, or easy way, that Jesus is referring too? Why do so many people find themselves on it?*
- *What makes this teaching of Jesus so difficult? Why would anyone want to travel the hard road? What is required of those who want to enter the narrow gate?*

Make It Personal:

- *Have you ever found yourself going against the grain – thinking differently or living differently than what the world might consider normal because of your faith in Jesus?*
- *On Sunday, Pastor Jason made the point, “If you want what normal people have do what normal people do. If you want what few people have, do what few people do.” How have you seen this to be true? How would you define normal?*
- *Read Romans 12:2, The Message translation. How is Paul calling followers of Jesus to be different than the world we live in?*
- *In Romans 12, Paul encourages his audience to think differently in order to act differently. How are we to think differently in light of the Gospel?*
- *Pastor Jason described two pressures that we constantly feel: an inward pressure to conform from people pleasing, and an outward pressure to conform from criticism. Which pressure is currently greatest in your life?*
- *When was a time that you were criticized for being different, or weird, because of your faith in Jesus?*
- *What is one take away or action that you have gained from this week's sermon, life group, or personal study?*