

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments, as you feel necessary, to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

The Easy Way – May 17, 2026

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

3 Points in Sunday's Sermon

- **The Command**
- **The Easy Way to Destruction**
- **The Hard Way to Life**

I. The Command

- Looking back over the whole Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7), how does this conclusion (the two gates) pull everything together?
- Jesus gives a clear command in verse 13: “Enter by the narrow gate.” Why did the sermon emphasize that verse 13 is a command and not a suggestion? How does this change the way we should think about the Gospel? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Acts 2:38
 - Acts 3:19
 - Acts 17:30
- Jesus commands us to “Enter by the narrow gate.” Based on the sermon, what does this gate represent? Why must it be entered individually rather than as a group or family?
- Jesus says the narrow gate is hard, and few find it, while the wide gate is easy and many enter it. According to the sermon, why is the narrow gate “narrow”?

- Read John 10:9 and John 14:6 together. How does Jesus Himself being “the gate”/ “the door”/ “the way” explain why salvation is so narrow? What does this mean for other religions or spiritual paths?
- The sermon warns against trying to remove the “offense” of the gospel to make it more attractive (better music, shorter sermons, avoiding hard topics, etc.). How have you seen this temptation in churches or in your own life? What is the danger of doing this?

II. The Easy Way to Destruction

- Have you ever had to choose between an “easy/wide” path and a “hard/narrow” path in life (career, relationships, health, etc.)? What made the narrow path difficult, and how did it turn out?
- Jesus describes the way to destruction as "easy." In what ways is a life apart from Christ "easier" in the short term, and why is that ease so deceptive?
- How should the fact that "many" are on the wide path, and "few" are on the narrow path affect our desire to be liked by the world?
- The sermon lists three reasons people choose the wide gate that leads to destruction:
 - Human depravity (we are evil by nature)
 - It's easy (we can be our own lord and make our own rules)
 - It's popular (many people are on it)
- Which of these reasons do you see most clearly in our culture today? Why?
- Jesus is very blunt about the final destinations: Destruction or Life. Why do you think modern culture tries to create a "middle ground" between these two options, and how does Jesus' teaching remove that possibility?
- It can be discouraging to hear that "those who find it are few." How does this reality heighten our sense of urgency in sharing the Gospel with others?
- **Read and discuss** Luke 13:22. When someone asked Jesus, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?", Jesus responded by telling them to "strive to enter." Why is it more important to focus on our own standing before God than to speculate on the final numbers of the saved?
- Have you personally entered through the narrow gate? If someone asked you why you chose the "hard way" of following Jesus over the "easy way" of the world, what would you tell them?