

Before reading this week's passage, briefly summarize Jesus' '*Sermon on the Mount*' message up to this point. In your opinion, what's the main idea?

Read **Matthew 7:13-14** and discuss the following.

Jesus begins the conclusion of the '*Sermon on the Mount*' by telling us there are two options or ways we can go. Contrast the two gates, the two ways, the two destinations, and the two crowds.

What does Jesus command of His disciples in this passage? What caution does He give us?

How does this part of the message connect with what Jesus said earlier? Reflecting back over His sermon, list examples of these two different ways of living.

How might you identify the wide gate? That is, what do you think it tangibly looks like? Explain.

Read **Proverbs 14:12** and **Proverbs 16:25**.

How might the righteousness of the Pharisees look and seem right? What makes it so attractive? How does it ultimately lead to death?

What in particular makes the way that leads to life so difficult? How can we tangibly pursue this path daily?

Consider for a moment the personal and corporate implications of this passage. There is *only* one way that leads to life. How should this impact you? How should this influence us as a local church? Explain your answers.

What about this passage has most comforted and/or convicted you personally?