



## **“LIFE ON THE NARROW ROAD”**

Series: “LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT”, Part 18 of 19

Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 7:13-23

**Big Idea: While it is the only life that leads to heaven, a Christ-following life will put you at odds with the spirit of this age, and with some of the most popular mindsets in the 21st century.**

Matthew 7:13-23, “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

### **I. HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU’RE ON THE NARROW ROAD?**

Matthew 7:13a, “Enter through the narrow gate.”

### **II. TO WHAT VOICES ARE YOU LISTENING?**

Matthew 7:15-16a, “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them.”

Come and be challenged.

Come and be comforted.

Come and be changed.

### **III. IF YOU WERE ACCUSED OF BEING A CHRIST-FOLLOWER, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU?**

Matthew 7:22, “Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’”

Matthew 24:24, “For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible.”