

The Way Is Narrow

Small Group Discussion Guide

"THE WAY IS NARROW" | ONE HARVEST CHURCH

1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Chris Hufton walked the congregation through four anchoring truths from this message: Jesus is the way, the way is narrow, the gift is free, and the invitation demands a personal response. He reminded us that our job is not to win every "sale" but to faithfully sow the seed -- and that every no is simply one step closer to a yes. Pastor Chris challenged the church to share their faith boldly and without fear, trusting that even one life transformed makes the effort eternally worth it.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."

3. ICE BREAKER

Start here -- keep it light and fun!

> "Has anyone ever knocked on a door and had a hilariously awkward thing happen on the other side -- whether literally or figuratively?"

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1 -- Opening the Door

Revelation 3:20 pictures Jesus knocking at the door of a heart, waiting to be invited in. Pastor Chris highlighted that the door handle is on the inside -- the choice belongs to us.

> What does it mean to you personally that Jesus waits and knocks rather than forcing his way in? How does that shape the way you think about God's character?

Question 2 -- The Narrow Way

Pastor Chris was clear that the way is narrow -- not to be exclusive or elitist, but because truth by nature is specific.

> How do you respond when someone in your life pushes back and says Christianity is "too narrow-minded"? What helps you hold that tension with both conviction and grace?

Question 3 -- Sowing vs. Winning

He reminded us that our responsibility is to sow the seed, not to guarantee the harvest. He pointed out that the Bible says the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few -- not "only labor if the results look good."

> Is there a difference in how you feel when you think about your job as a "seed sower" rather than someone who has to "close the deal"? How might that shift in perspective change how you approach faith conversations?

Question 4 -- Facing the Nos

Pastor Chris encouraged the group that every no is one step closer to a yes, and that being rejected for sharing truth is very different from being rejected for being unkind.

> Think of a time you hesitated to share your faith because you feared rejection or conflict. Looking back, what would you do differently -- and what would you tell someone facing that same fear today?

Question 5 -- Fear and Territory

Pastor Chris used a vivid personal illustration about moving into a new home and choosing to claim it for the Lord rather than shrinking back in fear. He said our spiritual posture should be one of authority, not anxiety.

> In what areas of your everyday life -- your home, your workplace, your neighborhood -- do you feel you have been timid where God might be calling you to be bold? What would "claiming that territory for the Lord" actually look like for you?

Question 6 -- The Gift Is Free

Romans 10:9 makes clear that salvation is received, not earned. Pastor Chris emphasized that the gift is genuinely free -- and that this truth should fuel our urgency to share it, not make us complacent.

> How do you keep the reality of the free gift of salvation feeling fresh and not routine in your own walk with God? And how does that freshness (or lack of it) affect how you talk about faith with others?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

One specific, achievable action this week:

> Identify one person in your life -- a coworker, neighbor, family member, or friend -- who has not yet heard the gospel from you. This week, take one intentional step toward them: send a text to check in, invite them to

coffee, or simply pray for them by name every day until your next group meeting. Write their name down somewhere you will see it daily as a reminder to sow the seed.

6. PRAYER POINTS

Close your group time by praying specifically over these three things:

1. Boldness -- Pray that each group member would feel the Holy Spirit's courage rising in them as they encounter everyday opportunities to share their faith, and that fear of rejection would lose its grip.
 2. The Harvest -- Pray by name (if your group is comfortable sharing) for the specific people each person identified in the Application Challenge -- that their hearts would be softened and that they would be ready to open the door when Jesus knocks.
 3. Faithfulness Over Results -- Pray for a genuine shift in perspective across the group, trusting God with the outcome of every seed sown and resting in the truth that one soul saved sets all of heaven rejoicing.
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7. MEMORY VERSE

> Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

> "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."

Thank you for leading this week, volunteer leader! Your faithfulness in guiding these conversations is itself an act of sowing seed. Well done.