



10-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON
The Narrow Gate
Matthew 7:12-20

Before watching the video: What do you already know about the Sermon on the Mount? What teachings from it might you know already? What are you most curious about regarding these chapters?

Now read the passage twice. Take time to notice every sentence and phrase. You may even want to start and stop the video to spend more time with each. What stands out to you?

¹²“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. ¹³“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

¹⁵“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will know them by their fruits. – **Matthew 7:12-20**

After watching the video: If you’ve heard verse 12 (“the Golden Rule”) before, how have you heard it used? How have you applied it in your own life? Can you think of a current instance where it might apply for you?

What’s your reaction to Jesus’ statements about the narrow gate and the wide path? If you’ve been watching previous lessons, where do you see it most relevant for you?

What “good fruit” and “bad fruit” do you think you’re currently producing? How in particular do you think you could begin changing the “bad fruit?”

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with “amen.”