

Part 1

The Truth is Narrow

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Matthew 7:7

7"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 5:29

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.



"No, there is no escape. There is no heaven with a little hell in it—no plan to retain this or that of the devil in our hearts or our pockets. Out Satan must go, every hair and feather." -George MacDonald

"[The belief] that mere development or adjustment or refinement will somehow turn evil into good without our being called on for a final and total rejection of anything we should like to retain. This belief I take to be a disastrous error." Page vii

"Evil can be undone, but it cannot 'develop' into good. Time does not heal it." Page viii

"I believe, to be sure, that any man who reaches heaven will find that what he abandoned (even in plucking out his right eye) has not been lost." Page ix

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Discussion Questions:

Why do we so easily fall into this disastrous error of trying to have some of both heaven and hell?

Why doesn't an evil heart ever evolve into a good heart?
How can we grow into a good heart?

What does it mean that all who are in hell have chosen it?

How does Matthew 7 say that we can begin to find joy?
Why do we so often get caught up in things that steal our joy?

Looking back on the past season of your life, do you think your choices have led you on the right path?

Jesus' words in Matthew 5 are pretty strong. How can we put those words into practice in our life?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone struggling with finding the joy that God has for you to walk in?

Does anyone need prayer to set aside sinful behaviors so that you can better focus on what God has for you?

*Before next week, read through chapter 2 in *The Great Divorce*.*