



## Week 1: The Way of Life

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Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

### The Wide Road:

- Is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Narrow Road:

- Is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

**2023 Verse of the Year:** Jesus answered, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.”*

John 14:6 (NCV)

**Final Thought:** The narrow road is an invitation to move from being an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus to being a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

### Discussion Questions

1. What's the difference between the narrow way and the broad way? Which is more challenging for you to follow?
2. What narrow road is Jesus asking you to walk today, this season? What would it cost you to choose the broad road instead of that narrow road?
3. Would you consider yourself a fan or a follower of Jesus?

### **Recommended Resources**

- *Not A Fan*, by Kyle Idleman
- *Thriving in Babylon*, by Larry Osborne
- *The Deeply Formed Life*, by Rich Villodas
- *The Jesus Way*, by Eugene H. Peterson
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### The Wide Road:

- Is OPEN.
- Is CROWDED.
- Is EASY.
- Leads to DESTRUCTION.

### The Narrow Road:

- Is OPEN.
- Is LONELY.
- Is DIFFICULT.
- Leads to LIFE.

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