

Sermon: Salvation Through the Narrow Door.

Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 13:22-35.

Date: April 6, 2025

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) V. 23-24. Consider together the exclusivity of Jesus and his words as compared to religious pluralism (all religions lead to Heaven). Where have you heard religious pluralism taught or defended? Do you believe that the way to God is exclusively through Jesus? Why or why not?

b) Jesus is warned of the threat of Herod in verse 31. What threats or struggles are you facing in your Christian walk and witness? In what ways can these threats/struggles increase your confidence in God?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Verses 23-25. There is only one door to God. Why do you think this **MUST** be true? What does this exclusivity reveal about the nature of God?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) In verse 24, Jesus tells us to “strive to enter through the narrow door.” In what way is this still upholding salvation by faith and not by works?

b) Jesus teaches us that there **IS** a door that you can enter through in order to be saved – himself. How does this truth help you to have assurance of your salvation? Do you know for sure that you have entered through the **ONE NARROW DOOR**? Are you “reclining (resting) at the table” of God?

APPLICATION

a) Verse 34. Jesus laments over his people and their unbelief. To what degree do you feel this same kind of compassion for the lost? What specific mission field do you live in? Who is your “Jerusalem” that you can grow in your compassion toward?

b) Verses 31-33. Jesus is not worried about Herod because he knows his mission is unstoppable until God allows him to be crucified. The same is true of us in Christ. Our mission is unstoppable until God calls us home. How can this give you courage in your mission?

PRAYER

- Praise God for giving us a path and a door back home to himself.
- Confess ways you have failed to have compassion on the lost.
- Thank Jesus for being our door into eternal life.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to rest in your salvation (recline at the table).