

Just Two

Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 18

Scripture text – Matthew 7:13-14

Introduction

- Today is *Mission Sunday*, a day for us to re-affirm our _____ with God to embrace the _____ he has given us.
- In a nutshell, the church’s mission is to make God _____ to the nations.
- We don’t just exist for ourselves, but for the _____.
- As Jesus brings his sermon to a conclusion, he speaks to the _____ of the mission.

Two Destinations

- What makes the mission so urgent is that most people are destined for _____. The Bible defines this elsewhere as _____.
- As various times in its history, the Christian church has _____ this doctrine. Doing so typically begins a slide toward spiritual _____.
- It is the _____ of this doctrine that leads to spiritual _____.
- Jonathan Edwards: “*O sinner, consider the fearful _____ you are in.*”

The Narrow Gate

- By “gate,” Jesus means the _____ into the life & kingdom he’s been describing throughout the sermon.
- Later in his ministry, he declares _____ to be the gate (John 10:9).
- The emphasis here is on the _____ of the gate. To enter, we must discard everything but our _____ and _____.
- Moreover, we must step away from the _____.
- Since the mid-1800’s, the American church has insisted on a _____ gate, suggesting that entrance into the kingdom is _____ and nothing needs to be discarded.

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- On the contrary, entering the narrow gate requires _____, _____ and a cry of _____ over one's sinfulness.
- Don't _____ anything. Jesus says only a _____ enter.

The Narrow Road

- By "road," Jesus means our life's _____. As a follower of Christ, we should expect the journey to be _____ & _____.
- Unknown author:
"A Christian is not one who simply buys fire insurance; who signs up, just to avoid an unpleasant afterlife. Rather, a Christian is one whose faith expresses itself in _____ and _____ to Jesus Christ."
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: *"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and _____."*

Application

- It boils down to this: You're either _____ Jesus or you're not.

Discussion Question

1. Am I with Jesus? What does that mean?

Who's Who in Today's Message

- Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758): Widely considered America's greatest theologian. Edwards played an important role in the Great Awakening of the 1730's & 40's.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945): A German pastor who opposed Hitler. He wrote the Christian classic *The Cost of Discipleship*. Executed by the Nazis in 1945.

