

Matthew 27 – The Hard Way

Matthew 7:13-14

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): The path of discipleship is harder, but better, than drifting along with the world. We should choose the harder but better road.

Passage: Three sentences

- Command – Enter by the narrow gate
- Describes wide gate, easy way
- Describes narrow gate, hard way

Main Point 1 – Easy Way

- Explanation
 - Gate: Wide
 - Way: Easy
 - End of the path: Leads to destruction
 - **Proverbs 14:12** There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.
 - People on it: Those who enter by it are many
- Application
 - World is filled with people – many
 - Running down a path to destruction – end
 - Our culture cheers them on
 - Who is going to tell them?
 - Speech
 - Actions
 - Prayer

Main Point 2 – Hard Way

- Explanation
 - Gate: Narrow
 - Way: Hard
 - People on it: Few
 - End of the path: Leads to life
- Application
 - You do not need to go to Afghanistan to die for Christ
 - Called to enter the narrow gate and walk the hard way right here
 - Tempted – take the easy path
 - Called to die in your relationships