



Deconstruction: Is Christianity Narrow-Minded?

April 7 & 8, 2018 – John Ortberg

Note to Leaders: Every group is different, so we are providing a summary study with additional discussion questions in the Going Deeper section. Please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group.

Follow up from last week: The message looked at being planted/dying in order to experience resurrection/new life. What new growth have you seen in your life this week?

Connect

- 1. What was most memorable for you in this weekend's services?
- 2. Think about your favorite animal: What constraints does it need to live? What freedoms that humans enjoy are actually dangerous for it?

Engage

1. Read Luke 17:11-19.
 - How did Jesus treat the mixed-religion group of lepers?
 - What did Jesus require of them to be healed?
2. Read John 8:31-32; 14:6; 17:3
 - What did Jesus claim for himself and his role in salvation?
 - Which outcomes did Jesus promise for his followers and under what conditions?
3. Read Matthew 7:13-14. Discarding the traditional views of narrow and broad associated with this passage *and* keeping firmly in mind both Jesus' welcoming of all comers and his exclusive claims for himself, restate the narrow gate and the broad way in your own language.

Apply

1. As Jesus-followers, how should we view and treat others?
2. What is our responsibility toward Jesus?
3. How does your life compare to the narrow understanding of following Jesus and his broad acceptance of other people?
4. What steps do you need to take this week, with Jesus' help, to find the narrow gate?

Pray

Spend some time individually before the Lord, seeking to hear what God is saying about your life and your attitudes toward others. Encourage confession and supportive prayers. Close with John 8:31-32 as a benediction.



Going Deeper

Learning Opportunity

- Read *The Life You've Always Wanted - Spiritual Happiness for Ordinary People* by John Ortberg
- Read *Living by the Book* by Howard Hendricks

Serving Opportunity

Our Spring Serve Your City is coming up on April 28! Learn more at menlo.church/serveyourcity

Personal Spiritual Practice Idea

How is God speaking into your life right now? If you have never made a public profession of your commitment to follow Jesus, meet with a campus pastor to determine whether baptism is step you would like to take. Information meetings will take place on April 22 at all campuses for our next baptism opportunity (weekend of May 6). Go to menlo.church/baptism to learn more.

