



## Week 1: The Invitation

According to Jesus, life offers us two different roads—two different paths we can walk. One leads to destruction and one leads to life. Unfortunately, most Christians try to walk both roads because they don't want to give up what the world has to offer. But when we do that, we never experience all the Kingdom has to offer. Jesus is clear about the upfront cost of the narrow road, but it's the only way to true life. Following Jesus requires both feet.

### Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Matthew 7:13-14.** How do you see those two paths playing out in today's culture? What is your personal experience with the broad road and the narrow road and how have you found Jesus' description of both to be true?
2. Shawn illustrated how we often try to keep one foot in the Kingdom and one in the world. In what ways are you tempted to live with divided loyalties? What helps you let go of the "other ladder"? Contrarily, what things pull you back to the "other ladder."
3. How does the image of a "narrow road" help us understand discipleship as more than belief, but as a way of becoming more like Jesus.
4. Being a "good person" (moralism) isn't the same as being transformed by Jesus. How can we guard against relying on moral behavior instead of genuine discipleship?
5. How does the pursuit of material things pull us toward the broad road? How do you guard against the "good life" syndrome?
6. Which road are you on right now? The broad road, the narrow road, or stuck in the middle? Explain. How can the group support you in pursuing the narrow road?