

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for May 4, 2025
That's a Great Question: How can Christianity
be the only true religion?



Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week

• CONNECT

- o Have you ever taken the ‘scenic route’—on purpose or by accident? What made it worth it... or frustrating?

• GROW

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o Jesus describes two gates and two roads. What contrasts do you notice between them?
- o Why do you think the wide gate and easy road are so appealing? What might they represent in today's world?
- o What does Jesus mean by “life” at the end of the narrow road? How is that different from the “life” of the wide gate?
- o How do these verses challenge our culture's ideas about “all roads leading to the same place”?
- o Jesus says “few find it.” How do you respond to the exclusivity implied in that statement? Is it offensive, comforting, or something else?

o Expanding the Theme

- o Read Isaiah 45:18–25 – “There is no other God besides Me.”
 - o What claims does God make about Himself in this passage? How are these similar or different from other religious claims?
 - o In verse 22, God says, “Turn to Me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.” How does this verse help us understand the exclusivity of the Christian message?
 - o What emotions or images come to mind when you hear, “Before Me every knee will bow”?
- o Acts 17:16–18, 22–34 – Paul at the Areopagus
 - o How does Paul respond to the religious pluralism of Athens? What tone does he use?
 - o What does Paul affirm about the Athenians' spiritual hunger? Where does he gently challenge their understanding?
 - o How does Paul present the uniqueness of Jesus in a way that's respectful but clear? What can we learn from this?

- **SERVE**

- "How can we walk the narrow road in a way that invites others instead of judges them?"
 - Consider praying regularly for one person in your life who holds different beliefs. Ask God to help you understand them, love them, and engage them with gentleness and respect.
 - Identify a way this week to *serve or support someone* whose values differ from yours. Let your actions reflect the love of Jesus before your words ever do.
 - Practice explaining *why you personally follow Jesus* in one or two sentences. Let it be sincere, relational, and rooted in hope rather than argument.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**