

**I. Read Luke 13:22-30**

- A. In verse 23, we read a question posed to Jesus regarding how many would finally be saved. How do you suppose the typical Jew of that day would have answered the question?
- B. How did Jesus respond to the question recorded in verse 23?
- C. When Jesus said, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate” (verse 24), what did He mean? (Read John 10:1-10; 14:6; James 1:21-25.)
- D. What did Jesus mean in vs. 25-27? (Read Hebrews 9:27; Psalm 32:6; 2 Corinthians 6:2.)
- E. Why does Jesus refer to those rejected in the judgment as “workers of iniquity”? (see John 3:18-21)
- F. What was Jesus referring to when He spoke of “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (verse 28)?
- G. Why did Jesus refer to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in warning Israel about the coming judgment?
- H. What is the significance of Jesus’ reference to “the east and the west?”
- I. Compare those in Israel who thought they were saved by virtue of the fact that they were born as Jews with misguided folks in our day who think they are Christians by birth.

J. What does Jesus mean by the “last who will be first, and there are first who will be last?”

K. What can we do today to assure that we are not making the same mistake that Jesus warned the Jews about making?

L. Questions for personal reflection:

1. Have you recognized that you are a sinner, deserving God’s displeasure and judgment? (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1)
2. Are you depending (trusting) in anything that you might do in order to earn God’s pleasure? (Galatians 2:16)
3. Do you believe that Christ’s death, burial and resurrection is God’s only provision for your salvation? (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:10-12; 1 Peter 3:18)
4. Have you truly trusted in Christ and received the gift of eternal life? (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10; John 1:12-13)
5. Can the evidence of your faith be seen in your life as you grow in your understanding of what God has done for you in Christ? (2 Corinthians 5:17; James 2:19-20; 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)