

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. Have you ever been lost and unable to find your way home? Did you think you knew the way, only to realize that you were wrong? How did you feel?
2. Play with this analogy. Think of finding the way home spiritually. Do people who are lost always know they are lost?
3. Read Matt. 7:13,14. What contrasts jump out at you? What does Jesus want his hearers to understand? What does he want them to do?
4. Read the context of Christ's comments. What is Jesus saying in Matt. 7:15-23? In what ways are people being misled today? What are the consequences of following a false path?
5. What do you think of defining religion as "humanity's efforts to reach God?" What does Eph. 2:8,9 say about the way of salvation?
6. Confession and repentance are not very popular words. Why do people have such a terrible aversion to admitting that they are unable to make it to God on their own?
7. People don't like the idea of the way being narrow. It sounds arrogant and exclusive. They say, "With so many competing philosophies, how can you insist that your way is right? You dare to claim a monopoly?" It is politically correct to insist that all ways are equally valid, yet various religions and belief systems have mutually exclusive ideas about reality and are not compatible. How can we communicate about God's one way of

salvation in a culture that is increasingly relativistic and pluralistic?

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...is religion; humanity's efforts to reach God. ...is relationship; God's decision to reach humanity.

...is well-travelled; it is the more common way to go.

...is mismarked and therefore leads to disappointment.

...is a dead end road.

The High Way (God's plan)

...is _____; God's decision

...is a narrow road; it is an _____

...is _____ and therefore

...is the _____ that leads

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...is a narrow road; it is an unpopular

...is misrepresented and therefore

...is the only way that leads to life