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## Two Paths Matthew 7:13-14

*The golden rule cannot be fulfilled apart from the God who gave it to us. This is why Jesus followed it immediately with comments about just how few people will really do it. "The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ and the way is hard."*

**Discussion 1. What are some possible reasons why people find it so difficult to follow the golden rule ("Do to others what you want them to do to you")?**

*Following Jesus and living by kingdom principles is the hard way, not the easy way. It means \_\_\_\_\_, thinking hard thoughts, and having hard conversations. Jesus never candy-coated this.*

**Discussion 2. Can you give some examples of how a life following Christ is harder than a life being like the rest of the world? Who taught you the value of doing hard things?**

*Genuinely following Jesus and living out the principles of the kingdom of heaven have never been and will never be the popular choice. Indeed, if we try it and it feels popular, we are probably \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 3. Do you see any examples in our current culture of Christians wanting to make Christianity the "popular" choice? Can you see any way to reconcile that notion with Jesus' teaching in today's passage? How do you cope with the "unpopularity" of Christianity in your day to day life?**

*Jesus did not just describe both the path to destruction and the path to life, but he was very clear about \_\_\_\_\_ to choose and how to choose it. "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

**Discussion 4. The world considers it judgmental and hateful when Christians say there is only one way to God. How do you respond to that? How would Jesus have responded to that?**