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Matthew 7:13-20 ESV

¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. ¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

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1.	What would be more appealing: a small gate that's hidden, or a grand gate that is easy to get to?
2.	Why is the path to Heaven narrow? Is that God's will for us or is that due to man's actions?
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3.	What makes being a disciple so difficult? Does the difficultly of being a disciple affect the narrowness of the path to Heaven?





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4.	How do you discern between a false prophet and a true prophet?
5.	What fruit does a true disciple bear?
6.	How can you recognize bad fruit? How do you protect yourself from a false prophet?
7.	How does our Refined theme for this year relate to the idea of God cutting down a bad tree and throwing it into the fire? How is it different?



