

Sunday – July 13, 2025
New Series: “The Flourishing Life”



“The Voice I Hear”
Matthew 7:13-20

Choices. We all make them, and most struggle with them. Usually our choices are informed by the information we receive and from where it comes. The voice I hear; the voice I listen to that informs my choice matters.

Key Verse: “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. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (Matthew 7:13-14).

Read *Matthew 7:13-20*.

Jesus is beginning to wrap up his sermon. He is now giving the disciples some applications they will have to make. Here he is challenging them about the voices they listen to, and the choice that voice leads them to.

What is the consistent theme in this application section by Jesus? What choices is Jesus asking them, and me to make?

Jesus uses the words, Narrow and broad. Broad meaning, “wide open and spacious.” Narrow meaning, “having clearly marked boundaries.”

In what ways have you been asked to broaden the boundaries of your faith? Have those requests challenged the core beliefs of your faith?

One of the most common ways we are asked to broaden our faith is in our understanding of who God is. The phrase, “We all worship the same God comes to mind.” What other ways come to mind?

Read *Matthew 7:15* again. What “false prophets” have you seen in your lifetime? Where have they contradicted scriptural teachings?

Read *Matthew 7:21-23*. What warning does Jesus give here? How does this warning apply to myself?

Read *John 10:27-30*.

How do Jesus’ words here challenge me? Convict me? Encourage me?

THIS WEEK:

- Whose voice do I listen to? Where is it leading me in my life?
- Am I listening to Jesus’ voice to lead me today, and into eternity?