

**The Believer's Agony**  
**Luke 13:22-30 November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

“*strive*” (Luke 13:24) comes from the Greek word, “*agōnizomai*” from which we get our English word, “\_\_\_\_\_”. This Greek word has been translated also, “\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_”.

Strive to enter through the narrow gate: Because the way is narrow, it takes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into it. Strive to enter through the narrow gate isn't a call to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

Good works aren't the \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ Himself is the gate; He is \_\_\_\_\_.

The point is that there will come a time when it is \_\_\_\_\_ to enter; that is why one must have an urgency to enter \_\_\_\_\_.

It's not enough to just “know” \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. He calls us to live in \_\_\_\_\_ with him. Salvation is not a “race” question (Jew/Gentile) It's not a denominational question (Baptist vs. Lutheran) It's a \_\_\_\_\_ question.

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**Growth Group Discussion Questions**

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Have you ever been a part of a religious group that believed they were the only ones truly saved or right with God? Tell us about it.
  
- 2.) Do you know people who believe God lowers His standards and lets everyone in heaven? How might you reason with them to explain God's true standards? (See John 3:3-5; 14:6; 10:7-10)
  
- 3.) Read Sunday's text. (Luke 13:22-30) What are some lessons that stand out to you from Sunday's message that you don't want to forget?
  
- 4.) Look up the following scriptures and discuss their meaning and application. Feel free to read their greater context and make sure everyone understands their implication. (Isaiah 55:6; Acts 2:40; Romans 5:9; Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; Galatians 4:8-11; 2Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 Peter 1:3; Titus 3:5-7; Ephesians 1:13; Romans 10:9-10.)
  
- 5.) What might be the evidence that a person is saved or not?
  
- 6.) Take some time to pray for one another.