

TEXT: Luke 13:22-30 **THEME:** "Communicating It"

I. IT IS ABOUT A DOOR

Luke 13:22-30 —

[22] Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. [23] Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, [24] "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. [25] Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

[26] "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

[27] "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

[28] "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. [29] People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. [30] Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last." (NIV)

A. THE DOOR IS NARROW

BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY
BECAUSE WE ARE NOT

B. THE DOOR WILL BE CLOSED

Matthew 25:10-12 — (*Parable = Ten Virgins*)

[10] "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

[11] "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'

[12] "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'

Can't break it down or force your way in

C. THE DOOR HINGES OPEN AND SHUT ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

John 10:9 —

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. (KJV)

II. IT IS ABOUT THE HEART

A. A BROKEN HEART

Psalm 51:17 — For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

[17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; [good news] a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Luke 18:9-14 — [9] To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: [10] "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. [12] I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

[13] "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

[14] "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (NIV)

B. A JUSTIFIED HEART

Romans 3:22-25 —

[22] This righteousness (a justified heart) from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ (who is the door) to all who believe. There is no difference, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. [25] God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

C. A NEW HEART

Ezekiel 36:25-27 —

[25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

[26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

[27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (ESV)

Philippians 2:13 — ...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 1:6 — ...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.