

Short Talk

(SHT019)

Which road will you choose?

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Aim of Short talk:	To teach people that they have a choice of only two ways of living; following Jesus or not following him
Main themes:	Choice, Narrow path, following Jesus,
Biblical references:	Matthew 7:13-14, John 10:9
Props:	Three different bars of chocolate, large piece of rope, large ladder

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The other day I went to the supermarket to buy a bar of chocolate and I counted nearly one hundred different types of chocolate bar.

- What a huge choice we have don't we?

I have three bars of chocolate here..... *(show three bars of chocolate)*

- Put your hands up if this is your favourite chocolate bar *(show first bar of chocolate. Then give it to someone who has put up their hands)*
- Put your hands up if this is your favourite chocolate bar *(show second bar of chocolate. Then give it to someone who has put up their hands)*
- Or this one? *(show third bar of chocolate. Then give it to someone who has put up their hands)*

We have so much choice over the things that we eat don't we?

- We also have many choices over what to do with our spare time, when we aren't working.
- Some of us might choose to swim or play golf, or join an orchestra.
- Others of us might choose to read a book, play a game on Xbox, or join a football team.

Every day we will face many different choices;

- Some are important,
- some are not,
- however there is one choice we have to make that affects our lives more than any other.

We have to choose which way we are going to live,

- and we only have a choice of two ways.
- It is actually the biggest choice we will ever have to make.

Jesus tells us in the Bible that we can choose to walk on what he calls the broad road,

- or we can choose to walk on what he calls the narrow road.

Jesus tells us that to get onto the broad road you go through a wide gate,

- and to get onto the narrow road you go through a narrow gate.

So let's make a couple of gates shall we? I need two volunteers to come and help.

Let's begin by making a wide gate.....

- I need you two to stand as far apart as possible.....and hold this piece of rope....*(Have two people standing as far apart as possible across the front of the church, holding a piece of rope. You may want to put a tall ladder or something in between the people to lift up the rope so that it becomes like a gate)*

In front of this gate is the wide road.....

- How easy do you think it is to find this wide gate and go through it onto the broad road?
- That's right.....it is very easy to find.

Jesus said that lots of people will go through the wide gate and walk on the broad road.....

- but He said that this road leads to destruction....
- so it doesn't sound like a very good road to walk on does it?

It might look like an attractive road,

- with lots of people walking on it,
- but this road leads to destruction.....

Now let's make a narrow gate.....

- We need two people to make a very small arch.....*(Make a small arch with two people that only one person can get through at the front of the church)*
- How easy do you think it is to find this narrow gate and go through it onto the narrow road?
- That's right....not very easy.....

Jesus said that only a few people find the narrow gate,

- and so not many people walk on the narrow road.....
- but Jesus said that this road leads to life....

It might not look like an attractive road,

- but it is the best road for it leads to life.

So I wonder what these two roads are.....

- Let me give you a clue....

Jesus said: *"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved"* (John 10:9)

- so we are getting a clue now as to what these two roads in life are.

If Jesus is the gate to life... the narrow road must be the road of following Jesus.....

- because the narrow road leads to life.

So if the narrow road is the road of following Jesus, the broad road must be the road of not following Jesus....

- where we do what we want, when we want.....
- ignoring Jesus and what He has done for us.

I wonder which road you will choose to walk on through your life.....

- you see you only have a choice of two!