

# The Path

Matthew 7:13-14

# Happy Mother's Day

- Faith and Home
- Faith Path
- God - marriage - family
  - Exclusive commitment
  - Adultery
- The world's appeal
- Christ
- Church

# The path

- <sup>13</sup> *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.*
- <sup>14</sup> *"For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matt. 7:13-14)*
- When all is said and done, what do you want for you and your family?

# The path

- He sat down on the mountain.
- His disciples came to him.
- He spoke to them.
- “Blessed”
  - “...are those who do this”
  - Not blessed just because he desires us to be.
  - Our children are not saved just because we love them.

# The path to blessing

- Coming to God:
  - Poor in Spirit
    - Publican who went to pray
  - Mourn
    - Facing reality and shame of sin
      - Pharisee compared self to others
  - Meek
    - Blessed are your ears, they hear
  - Hunger and thirst for righteousness

# The path to blessing

- Being like God
  - Merciful
  - Pure in heart
  - Peacemakers
- Open confession and steadfastness
  - Persecuted, reviled
- Salt and light
  - Distinct, different