

Pool Church Bible Study

“The Narrow Gate — The Way That Leads to Life”

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 7:13–14 – The Narrow Gate
 - John 10:9 – “I am the gate...”
 - Romans 6:23 – The gift of God is eternal life
 - John 14:6 – “I am the way...”
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SOAP Study Method

S — Scripture

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction... but small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

— Matthew 7:13–14

“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”

— John 10:9

O — Observation

Write what you notice from the teaching:

- Jesus describes **two paths**: wide (easy, crowded) and narrow (intentional, life-giving)
- The “narrow gate” is not about exclusion but **invitation and direction**
- The Christian life requires **precision, focus, and daily alignment**
- In the Pool Church illustration, narrow pockets and Heyball tables mirror this truth:
 - Small margins require greater accuracy
 - Success depends on discipline and intention
- The gospel is not “who is out” but **“who will come in through Christ”**

Key insight:

The narrow road is not less—it is *clearer, truer, and more intentional*.

A — Application

Reflect personally:

- Where am I tempted to take the “wide road” because it feels easier?
- What habits or influences are shaping my direction right now?
- What does it look like for me to choose the narrow path this week?

Personal Fill-In:

- The “wide road” in my life looks like: _____
- The “narrow road” God is calling me to looks like: _____
- One step I will take this week toward Jesus is: _____

Challenge:

This week I will:

- ☐ Pause before choosing convenience over conviction
 - ☐ Spend time daily asking God for direction
 - ☐ Remove one distraction pulling me off the narrow path
 - ☐ Encourage someone else to follow Jesus
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P — Prayer

“Jesus, thank You for being the Gate and the Way. Help me choose the narrow road even when it is hard or unpopular. Give me wisdom, discipline, and courage to follow You closely. Keep my life aligned with Your truth, not the crowd. Lead me into life, not destruction. Amen.”



Big Idea

The narrow road isn’t restrictive—it’s the path that leads to life.



Pool Church Connection Moment

In the same way a Heyball table requires precision because of tighter pockets and smaller margins, life with Jesus calls for intentional focus. Small adjustments make a big difference.



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- Daniel Hanson — preparing for international competition in Norway while living out resilience, faith, and purpose.

And the teaching leadership of:

- Jason Lynch — connecting faith and billiards through gospel trick shots and discipleship storytelling.
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Discussion Questions

1. What does “narrow gate” mean to you personally?
2. Why do you think Jesus says few find it?
3. How does pressure in sports (like tight pockets in Heyball) mirror spiritual focus?
4. What distractions are pulling people toward the “wide road” today?
5. How can your group help each other stay on the narrow path?