



## Sermon Notes: The Inclusive-Exclusive Jesus

### 1. Salvation is exclusive.

- a. There is one narrow door.
- b. There is a finite window of opportunity.
- c. There is a limited means of access.

### 2. Salvation is inclusive.

- a. God's kingdom includes people from all over the world.
- b. God's kingdom includes all kinds of "have nots."

### 3. Salvation is personal.

- a. The offer of salvation is personal.
- b. The means of salvation is personal.

### Gospel Applications:

Therefore...



## Application Questions: The Inclusive-Exclusive Jesus

1. What are some of the most exclusive locations/clubs/groups you know of? What does it take to get in?
2. Do you think our culture views Christianity as *inclusive* or *exclusive*? Explain. Share some anecdotes that illustrate your conclusions.
3. How does #2 challenge you as you seek to live out and share your faith?
4. Make a quick list of several religions/faiths. If it were true that all of these paths led to the same "god," what would that "god" be like? What are some basic ways this "god" would be different than the God of the Bible?
5. How is it *easier* to get into heaven than most people imagine? How is it *more difficult*?
6. Jesus says in Luke 13:30, "*Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.*" In context, what do you think he means? What are some practical implications of this reality (i.e., what would you do in response to this if you really believed it)?
7. If you pictured the 4,000+ religions in the world as doors, what would stand out to you about the door that says "CHRISTIANITY"? How is the Christian faith fundamentally different from every other religion in the world (and from no religion at all)?
8. What do you think Jesus wants you to do with his invitation in Luke 13:24, to "*strive to enter through the narrow door*"? What *will* you do?
9. How do the 3 main points of Jesus' message impact the way you think about sharing your faith with others? What would you do the same vs. what would you do differently?
10. Seeing the urgency of this narrow door that is closing, what will you do this week – and beyond – to express faith in Christ and compassion for others?