



The Door

Presenter: Jim Hammond

Talk It Over

The Certainty

week 7
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4. Why does Jesus call this door "narrow"? What makes it narrow? If God wants all kinds of people to be saved (13:29), why isn't the door wider?
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