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Being **close** to God doesn't **count**.

Going to church **doesn't matter**.

We can know for sure if we **are in**.

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He knows that all of us will **live forever**.

He knows that there is a real **hell**.

He loves us too much to let us **go there**.

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When we hear about God's "narrow gate", some may feel God lacks compassion or love for us. As we heard this weekend, this couldn't be further from the truth. What do the following Psalms teach us about God's love?

Psalm 33:5

Psalm 36:5

Psalm 86:15

Psalm 136

What are some ways you've experienced God's love?

We heard in this week's sermon that a loving dad is willing to do the tough and painful thing for his kids' benefit. As you read Hebrews 12:5-12, write down which points or comments catch your attention when it comes to embracing and/or understanding God's actions of "tough love" or "discipline" in our lives. Are there any adjustments you need to make when it comes to embracing God's tough love in your life or in others lives?

It's no surprise that many people think putting into action what God commands is a waste of time. Yet, in reality God's commands are designed to protect and provide for us. As you read each command below, contrast people's rationale to NOT obey with the benefits of protection and providence that can result when we DO obey.

<u>Command</u>	<u>Rationale to not obey</u>	<u>Benefits of obeying</u>
I Peter 5:7		

Galatians 6:9

Matthew 5:44

I Corinthians 15:58

Colossians 3:13