

# SERMON OUTLINE

**SERMON TITLE:**  
**THROUGH THE NARROW GATE**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:**  
**1 PETER 1:13-23**

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## Introduction

The Apostle Peter exhorts his audience/listeners to come to Christ, as he did long ago, when he and Andrew first met Jesus. A living faith never forgets its roots. The impact of a living faith shines in the glowing influence of God's anointing and grace. Peter speaks from personal experience and conviction. Christ called and he chose well. He remembers Jesus explaining about the narrow gate and those who seek it, and seek life.

In today's passage we see the Apostle Peter exhorting fellow Christians to:

- keep their mind alert and fully sober,
  - live out their time in reverent fear.
  - never forget that they are born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable.
1. CGMC is 56 years old this year. In her 56 years many brothers and sisters, and some families as a whole, joyfully testify to their salvation story for choosing the narrow gate, seeking life and FOUND true life in Christ.
  2. Therefore, like the Apostle Peter, we speak life to men and women, young and old...bidding them to come to Christ that they may find true life in Christ.
  3. Following Christ is about setting ourselves apart holy unto God. The Apostle Peter exhorts Christians to live their lives here on earth in reverent fear, following Christ closely.
  4. The Apostle Peter reminds Christians that they have been born again. They are born again not of perishable seed, but of imperishable. Christians are a new creation in Christ.
  5. We chose the narrow gate and we found LIFE; therefore, let us show others and point them to this life-giving choice.
  6. Our vision in CGMC and in TRAC is of ONE. And that is to **come, to follow and to become** like Jesus. God's children born again of the imperishable!

## Summary & Application

1. Let us rededicate our church, CGMC, to COME, FOLLOW, BECOME like Jesus
2. But first we need to rededicate ourselves. We can't lead others to where we have not been.

## Questions for CG discussion

1. Your journey and story are an inspiration for others. Share your salvation story about choosing the narrow gate.
2. Think of the impact and influence when Christians to live out their time/life here on earth in reverent fear, following Christ closely. What are the favour and blessings that you would be bringing/ushering to others?
3. Effectively and creatively, what can we/I do personally, in the CG and as a Church:
  - a) INVITING others to COME to Christ
  - b) DISCIPLING others to FOLLOW Christ
  - c) INSPIRING others to BECOME like Christ