<u>Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide</u>

The One Thing – 3/17/24

Luke 13:22-30

INTRODUCTION

• How do you respond when people you love make decisions you don't agree with? Do you feel any responsibility to tell them your opinion, or do you keep it to yourself? Have you ever wished you said something, or wished you hadn't?

DISCUSSION

Have a volunteer read Luke 13:22-30 and John 14:6

- What is the narrow door and for whom is the door open? According to Jesus, who will make it through the narrow door and who won't?
- If God loves people, why isn't the door wider?
- What stands out to you about the homeowner's response to the people knocking (vv. 25-27)? Why isn't eating and drinking with Jesus enough?
- What do you think Jesus means by "evil-doers?" Who qualifies as an evil-doer?
- How do you know whether you are inside or outside the kingdom? How can you be sure?
- What evidence do we have that the kingdom is growing in our church/community? Is there more we can do to help the growth? If so, what?
- What would need to change in order for you to show a greater commitment to the spread of the gospel? What prevents you from trying to help others through the narrow door?
- Though believers enter through the narrow door of Jesus, why do we often later begin to act as if we (and others) must earn God's favor? How do you think these actions affect the way we are seen by non-believers?
- In what ways do you currently try to justify yourself through works? How might leaning into the gospel of grace help your witness to others?

APPLICATION

- Is there someone on your heart that hasn't yet walked through the narrow door? What could you do this week to invite them to draw closer to Jesus?
- How can your group be praying for you?