Simple, but not Easy

Matthew 7:12-14

The Christian life is simple but not easy.	

1. It's really simple (v12)

2. It's really hard (v13-14)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

Is the Christian life easy or hard? How would you communicate

that to someone you're witnessing to?

2.	Rabbi Hillel said, "What is hateful to you, do not do to anyone else." Jesus said, "Whatever you wish others would do to you, do also to them." Which rabbi is harder to follow? Why?
3.	Off the top of your head, name 3 things you wish someone would do for you. Now look at the person seated closest to you. Could you do those things for him or her? Talk about it.
4.	How is doing what Jesus said in v12 an act of grace?
5.	Read Ephesians 5:28-29. What standard does Paul give husbands for the care of their wives? How does that compare to Matthew 7:12 and 22:39? Why does that standard work? How can we make the most of that standard?
6.	What does it take to travel the easy road and find the wide gate? Why is it so well-traveled?
7.	Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How does looking to Jesus encourage us to run our race when it gets hard? Why does it take faith to run like that?