1 - **“Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?”**   
(Luke 13:22)

2 - **Who Asked This Question & Why Would It Be Asked?**

**Who asked this question?** We don’t know but many non-believers came to challenge Jesus. (Matthew 22:15, 23, 34)

**Why**? Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom both difficult to grasp and apply and many were unwilling. (Matthew 5:20; 7:13-14)

3 - **Similar Questions & Statements**

***“Then who can be saved?”*** (Mark 10:26)

* Misunderstood prophecies? (Isaiah 60:21-22)
* Not all Israel would be saved. (John 8:44-47)
* Birth didn’t guarantee salvation. (Luke 3:8)

**4 - What The Question Is Not**…

**Does God only desire a few to be saved? The scriptures teach that God…**

* *“Is not wishing for any to perish but for* ***all to come to repentance****.”* **(2 Peter 3:9)**
* *“Desires* ***all men to be saved*** *and come to a* ***knowledge of the truth****.”* **(1 Timothy 2:4)**

Salvation depends on our ***“knowledge of the truth”*** and our willingness to ***“come to repentance”***.

5 - **What The Question Is Not**…

**Does God only desire a few to be saved? The scriptures teach that God…**

* **God indeed loved ALL the world** (John 3:16) but the question is **who will love Him as He loved us**?   
  (1 John 4:10-11, 19)

6 - **Few Are Going To Be Saved…**

Again, **Jesus said** in Matthew 7:13-14 that the ***“many”*** will **be lost** and that there are ***“few”*** (lit. “puny”; Strong) who ***“find”*** eternal ***“life”.***

Jesus also taught that ***“many are called but few are chosen.”*** (Matthew 22:14; note the scope of the invitation)

There has always been a “***remnant***”.   
(Numbers 14:30; 2 Kings 19:31; Romans 11:5; 1 Peter 3:20-21)

**7 - Few Are Going To Be Saved…**

**What is our response to so many being lost?**

* Do we become calloused and indifferent about the fate of the many? (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)
* **What was Jesus’ response**?
  + Grief and tears. (Luke 19:41; 13:34-35; 19:10)
* **What about Paul**? (Romans 9:2; Acts 20:19)
* **What about us**?

8 - **Why Will Just A Few Be Saved?**

**What does the context (Luke 13) say?**

1. Many choose the wrong “***door***” & the wrong **path**.

* *“Strive to enter through the* ***narrow door****”*. (vs. 24)
* ***“Narrow”*** -“hemmed in, like a mountain gorge…” (Strong)
* **Just one!** (John 14:6)
* Not just a narrow door but **a narrow way**.

9 - **Why Will Just A Few Be Saved?**

1. Many fail to “***strive***”.

* *“****Strive*** *to enter through the narrow door”*. (vs. 24)
* From where we get our English word “agonize” and means “to struggle… to compete for a prize… to contend with an adversary.” (Strong)
* Many want to go to heaven but just don’t want to work that hard for it. (Philippians 2:12-13; Acts 2:40)
* Many athletes want the crown but most just don’t want the sacrifice or discipline necessary (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

10 - **Why Will Just A Few Be Saved?**

1. **Many believe being religious or “going to church”** is enough (vs. 25-27)

* What they said? We had a physical association with You.
* **They could not say** they shared true spiritual fellowship with Jesus in faith based on His teaching

11 - **Why Will Just A Few Be Saved?**

1. **Many will wait until the door is shut** (vs. 25)

* Those who are well intentioned but never become spiritually prepared. (Matthew 25:1-13)
* No sense of urgency. (Acts 22:16)
* Today is the day of salvation. (Hebrews 4:6)

12 - **Why Will Just A Few Be Saved?**

Failing to do all Jesus taught…

1. Failure to **deny self**. (Luke 9:23-24)
2. **Pride and arrogance**. (Luke 9:46-48)
3. **Another priority**/looking back. (Lk. 9:57-62)
4. Not a “**laborer**”. (Lk. 10:1-12)
5. Failing to **focus**. (Luke 10:17-20)
6. Failing to be a “**neighbor**” (Luke 10:30-37)
7. Being “**worried and bothered**” about so many things. (Luke 10:38-42)

13 - **Why Will Just A Few Be Saved?**

1. Failing to **pray**. (Luke 11:1-13)
2. Failing to “**gather** with” Jesus. (Luke 11:23)
3. Not filled with righteousness. (Luke 11:24-26)
4. Focusing on the **external**. (Luke 11:37-52)
5. The **wrong fear**. (Luke 12:4-5)
6. **Greed**. (Luke 12:13-21)
7. **Lack of repentance** (Luke 13:1-5)

14 - **Who Will Be Saved?**

**The anyone (Acts 10:34-35) who:**

* Believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is the one door to salvation.
* Is **willing to strive and labor earnestly** all their life to serve Jesus and **follow Him fully**. (Revelation 2:10)
* Understands discipleship is **daily transformation** and becoming a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1-2)

15 - **Who Will Be Saved?**

**The “anyone” who:**

* **Understands the urgency of today** to obey the gospel by faith to confess your faith, repent of your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins.
* Having been baptized, **continually examines his life** and both confesses and repents whenever sin is present.
* Seeks to continue Jesus’ mission to **seek and save the lost - become “fishers of men”**.