♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, October 4, 2015

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Our *Explore God* question this week is asked often. People also ask, "Aren't there many ways to heaven? Doesn't everyone go to heaven?" Today we will spend some time with the question but most of our applications will be for those who are already believers. Is your Christianity too narrow?

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"Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16, ESV).

"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34, ESV).

"He who loves purity of heart, and whose speech is gracious, will have the king as his friend" (Proverbs 22:11, ESV).

"Careful words make for a careful life; careless talk may ruin everything" (Proverbs 13:3, The Message).

"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" (James 1:19, ESV).