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WHO'S ON FIRST?

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MESSAGE NOTES

Jesus told us that we’re all on a _____, so to speak; but the road we choose to travel on will make all the difference in this life and _____ (note [Matthew 7:13-14](#)).

Jesus _____ and describes what the road less traveled looks like when it comes to following Him/being His disciples.

So, the _____ mile marker on the road less traveled is, *Who’s on first?*

1. Mile Marker #1

Note [Luke 14:25-26](#); [Mark 7:9-13](#)

If loving our neighbors included, according to Jesus, our _____, it obviously had to include our own families (note [Ephesians 5](#); [1 Timothy 5:8](#)).

So what does Jesus mean when He defines being His follower in such _____ language that places our relationships with those closest to us below our relationship with Jesus?

2. Why the “___” Word?

In the Scriptures, *hate* does mean *hate*; but there are also times it’s used as an idiom that means _____ (note [Deuteronomy 21:15](#); [Genesis 2:24](#); [Matthew 19:5](#); [Matthew 10:37](#)).

We know that many of Jesus’ apostles and early church leaders and Jesus’ own half brothers were married... (note [1 Corinthians 9:5](#)).

3. So Who's On _____?

Jesus intentionally used language that would grab and _____ our full attention.

The point He's making is that there's _____ and _____ that is to come between us and God's kingdom and the King of kings.

The _____ of Jesus, the centrality of His mission, His will, His purposes, and my connection and relationship with Jesus must be first in my life if I am _____ going to be His disciple.

It's not just money and possessions and things that can become an obstacle...but even _____ can become a hindrance...

Am I on the road less traveled?:

- Jesus demands first place in everything and not just _____ things _____ time.
- So who's on first?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital or in person).*

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: What's your favorite road trip ever, and why?

1. Have you ever thought of your life as a road trip? Read [Matthew 7:13-14](#). Which road have you chosen, and did you even realize what you were choosing?
2. Just as mile markers indicate your location on a highway, our journey with Jesus has markers as well. Mile Marker 1 is determining "Who's on First?" After reading [Luke 14:25-26](#), how would you answer that question?
3. How does Jesus' use of the word *hate* sit with you? After reading Pastor Tom's explanation of its meaning, how would Jesus see your relationship with Him—on track, or off the map?
4. What are some ways that you have lived out putting or keeping Jesus first in your life? Read [Mathew 10:37-39](#).

Day One: [Psalm 3](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 3](#)

Day Three: [Joshua 3](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 3](#)

Day Five: [Acts 3](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE



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Jesus defines and describes what the road less traveled looks like when it comes to following Him/being His disciples.

So, the first mile marker on the road less traveled is, *Who’s on first?*

1. Mile Marker #1

Note [Luke 14:25-26](#); [Mark 7:9-13](#)

If loving our neighbors included, according to Jesus, our enemies, it obviously had to include our own families (note [Ephesians 5](#); [1 Timothy 5:8](#)).

So what does Jesus mean when He defines being His follower in such blunt language that places our relationships with those closest to us below our relationship with Jesus?

2. Why the “H.” Word?

In the Scriptures, *hate* does mean *hate*; but there are also times it’s used as an idiom that means love less (note [Deuteronomy 21:15](#); [Genesis 2:24](#); [Matthew 19:5](#); [Matthew 10:37](#)).

We know that many of Jesus’ apostles and early church leaders and Jesus’ own half brothers were married... (note [1 Corinthians 9:5](#)).

3. So Who's On First?

Jesus intentionally used language that would grab and demand our full attention.

The point He's making is that there's nothing and no one that is to come between us and God's kingdom and the King of kings.

The priorities of Jesus, the centrality of His mission, His will, His purposes, and my connection and relationship with Jesus must be first in my life if I am genuinely going to be His disciple.

It's not just money and possessions and things that can become an obstacle...but even family ties can become a hindrance...

Am I on the road less traveled?:

- Jesus demands first place in everything and not just some things some time.
- So who's on first?

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