

Exodus 20:3 – FIRST COMMANDMENT

You shall have no other God's before me ...
BUT WE DO ... Lots of them!!!!

God of relationships

In today's scripture – family
Also – boyfriend / girlfriend, sex

The real question is ... About the HOLE IN YOUR HEART

How do we fill our emptiness/loneliness, desire for meaning?

HOW DO WE MAKE RELATIONSHIPS AN IDOL?

Example – We are not OK “alone”
Scriptures – 1 Cor 7

Today's scripture ... **Luke 14:25-27**

Context of this scripture –

Ch 14:1-24 – comparing true discipleship to Pharisees

Ch 14:28 ff – describing a disciple

How does this shape today's scripture?

Read Luke 14:25-27

Note – “Large crowds” = new thought

1. Large crowds – general teaching ... This is for everybody
 - a. Not just “singles”
 - b. Not just “co-dependent” peopleThere is an application here for all
2. Anyone – this is open to all
 - a. He did not say “Children of Israel”
3. Comes to me and does not
This comparison is between JESUS and relationships!!!!
This DOES NOT MEAN that relationships do not matter

I would argue that the incarnation makes relationships
THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT THING

But JESUS IS FIRST!!!! – THAT is the thrust here!

This is key as we move on b/c this scripture is about PRIORITIES
NOT HATE!

4. Hate – Greek = miseo (LOVE/ ESTEEM LESS)
This is a good translation, but the word is changed

It was less intense in the Greek

5. How do we put relationships ahead of Jesus?
6. Even yourself – What does this idol look like?
 - a. Teaser for last week of series
7. Definition of disciple is key here
8. Carry your cross –

Conclusion – What are you worshipping by putting it ahead of Jesus?
How can we honor those things but still keep Jesus first?