**Pre-Trip Devotion: Where is Your Home?**

When we think of “the road,” it’s all about packing what we need, leaving our houses, and heading off to a destination. It’s awesome being out on the road, seeing new sites, enjoying a different pace, and meeting new people. But over time we begin to miss our home—the people, things, and circumstances that make us feel comfortable and loved. It’s the place we belong. For most, a physical place (a condo, house, or apartment) is what we call home—it’s key to who we are and how we see ourselves. We anchor our life at home. We start and end our day in that place, eat our meals, have key conversations, and organize our life. Take a few moments to chew on these questions:

What descriptive words first come to mind when you think of your place called “home”?

What makes your home unique, compared to what you know about your friends’ homes?

Where are the most comfortable places in your home? What makes those places feel comfortable, safe, secure?

When you’re away, what do you miss most about your home?

While each home has strengths and flaws, we could all agree that a home is critical to having a stable life. That’s why it’s so puzzling to understand how Jesus functioned the way he did. Here’s what Jesus said about how he lived on a day-to-day basis: “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head” (Matthew 8v20). In his physical life Jesus had no house, no apartment, not even a tent. He lived his life on the road. You could say he was “at home” on the road. For Jesus (and for each of us), home is much more than a place to eat and sleep. Rather than simply a physical location, home is a place of alignment. We’re wired to align ourselves with something/someone(s). The options are almost endless—family, academics, arts, sports, and countless sub-sets of culture. We establish a home for our heart when we align with people, things, or ideas. Jesus made it clear that our heart, the center of our thoughts, feelings, and commitments, is where we find our true home. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6v21).

What does the old saying “home is where the heart is” mean to you?

How do you know how and where to find your “treasure”?

Our lives are always in motion—we’re always gaining new insights, changing our perspectives, and growing in our understanding of who we are. This is the road of our heart. Jesus was clear about his desire for us to find our hearts with him on the journey.

**Read Luke 9v59-62**

Why is there such an apparent “steep cost” to following Jesus?

What are we promised, if anything, by choosing to walk our road with Jesus?

What makes you anxious when you think about anchoring your heart with Jesus on the road? What makes you eager?

If you made your home with Jesus on the road, what fears or insecurities would you have to overcome?

Between now and leaving for Jacksonville, FL we will slow down and pay better attention to the way Jesus loved people he met along the road. Most importantly, we’ll learn to understand his heart by studying the questions he asked “fellow travelers” along the way…

**Now pray**, asking Jesus to show you what your heart treasures, and offering to travel with him along “the road.”