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Week 9 – 11/18/18

Planning to Reach Out: INVITE to Believe and Repent Acts 16:30-31

Introduction: It's possible to be lost and not even know what you need to do to be found!

Invite Lost People to BELIEVE (which means...)

⇒ ACCEPT the Truth. **Acts 16:30-31**

- The Story is TRUE. **Acts 10:37-43**
- The Story demands a RESPONSE. **John 20:30-31**

Invite Lost People to REPENT (which means...)

⇒ RE-ORIENT your life to the Truth. **Acts 2:37-38**

- Re-orient your life to a new BOSS. **Acts 26:16-18, 1 Corinthians 8:5-6**
- Re-orient your life to a new PURPOSE. **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

Conclusion: Let's not stop just short of the finish line – let's take the risk when opportunities arise to help people know what they need to do to be found by Jesus!

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Debrief Plan: 11/18/2018

Icebreakers:

1. Tell a story about your most memorable camping trip experience.
2. Have you ever gotten really lost at a bad time? How'd you get found?

Sermon Summary: It's easy to get lost and not even realize it or what you need to do in order to be found. Ultimately, our job as "inviters" is to challenge people to accept the truth about Jesus ("believe") and then to re-orient their lives to that truth ("repent").

Discussion Questions:

1. What drove YOU to seek out the truth before you knew Jesus?
2. **Read Acts 20:17-21.** What elements of the "reaching" strategy we've discussed do you see Paul using?
- * **Accept the Truth:**
3. Why have there been so many misunderstandings about the words "faith" and "believe" over the years?
4. Why do some people accept that the story is true but stop short of actually making it personal?
5. **Read James 2:14-19.** How does this passage add to our understanding of the connection between "believe" & "repent"? What new questions does it raise?

* **Re-Orient Your Life to the Truth:**

6. Give a few examples of what it looks like (in actual life situations) to re-orient your life around the truth that you have a new Boss.
7. Give a few examples of what it looks like (in actual life situations) to re-orient your life around the truth that you have a new Purpose in life.
8. Do you have to understand EVERYTHING about what it will require to re-orient your life around the truth before you can be saved? Why or why not?
9. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: what God calls us to do in order to GET "saved" (believe and repent) is actually the same thing you must do to grow to be like Jesus AFTER you are saved. Explain your answer!!!

Prayer Prompters: (*Consider splitting into small groups of 2 or 4 to pray!*)

-Pray for a couple of lost people from your prayer list by name: that they will get to the point of "believing" in Jesus and "repenting".

-Ask God to give you **wisdom** to know when it's the right time to invite these people to accept the truth about Jesus and re-orient their lives around the truth.