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Week 2 – 9/30/18

## Perfect for the Job

Ephesians 2:11-13

Introduction: Is sending US to reach out REALLY the best idea that God could come up with?

Why are YOU the **perfect** one to “Just Reach Out”?

⇒ You used to be LOST, too. **Ephesians 2:1-3, 11-13**

...So you can RELATE. **Ephesians 2:3b**

⇒ You know how GREAT it is to be FOUND. **1 Peter 2:9-10**

...So you can PERSUADE. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

⇒ Your life bears the mark of God’s TOUCH! **1 Timothy 1:12-16**

...So you can ATTRACT. **1 Peter 3:15-16**

Conclusion: You don’t have to be intimidated by the job in front of you.  
You have what it takes – you CAN do this!

Debrief Plan: 9/30/2018

### Icebreakers:

1. Tell a story of being persuaded to do something or buy something that you normally would not have done or bought. How did they get you to do it?
2. What is something that you LOVE that you have recruited other people to love, too?

Sermon Summary: You and I are PERFECT for the job of reaching out to lost people with God’s love. Since we used to be lost, too, we can relate to the lost. Since we know how great it is to be found, we can persuade the lost to let Jesus find them. Since our lives bear the mark of God’s transforming touch, we can attract the lost to seek answers from us!

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we often feel that we are a poor choice to reach out to lost people?
2. What if, instead of sending us, God reached out to lost people via mystical visions or messages from angels? Would it work as well? Why or why not?

### \* You Used to be Lost, Too

3. Is it hard for you to relate to the plight of lost people? Why is that?
4. What steps can we take to identify MORE with the plight of lost people?
5. How can you tell you’ve gone too far in your efforts to relate to lost people?

### \* You Know How Great it is to be Found!

6. What is something great about “being found” that means a lot to you?
7. How can we make sure that we are “satisfied customers” who naturally persuade people around us to experience what we’ve experienced?

### \* Your Life Bears the Mark of God’s Touch!

8. What is one transformation that you can point to in your life that gives evidence of God’s touch in your life?
9. What’s the best way to respond to someone who is curious about why you are a kind person, or optimistic, or patient with a difficult person, or so generous? How can we “give an answer” without coming across the wrong way?

### Prayer Prompters:

- Remember last week’s “lost sheep”? Pray for them again, this time asking God to give you an opportunity to explain to them the reason for your hope.
- Pray that God will help you to be so deeply satisfied with Him that your transformed life will attract lost people around you to ask you why that is.