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SERIES	The gospel's message is simple. Its promises are clear. And Jesus calls us to go into the world and share His message of hope. So why can it feel so hard to share our faith with those around us? Let's talk about how to effectively reach the people in our lives and make an eternal difference.

Introduction: The theme of today's message was about reaching two in order to make an eternal difference.

1. Share a story of when someone reached out to you. What do you remember them doing and saying and what impact did it have?
2. Read Matthew 28:16-20. "When they saw him they worshipped him. But some doubted." (v. 17) Does it comfort you to know that even some people that saw Jesus in person still doubted? How does this frame your thinking about sharing your faith with others?
3. Pastor David said the gravitational pull of any church over time is to focus on the insiders. How can Fairhaven avoid this pitfall? How might you personally help this cause?
4. Discuss the cycle of bringing the unreached to church to find hope in Jesus so that they may surrender their lives to Him. How have you already seen this happening at Fairhaven? Who will you begin this cycle with in your sphere of influence?
5. What scripture passages can you think of that address ministering to church insiders and ministering to church outsiders? What do you think represents a balanced approach in how Fairhaven should handle the two?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Pastor David said: Jesus doesn't make a better version of me; He makes a new version of me. How would you say that's true of you? Can you describe how the new version of you is different than the old?
7. Pastor David said, Jesus is better experienced than explained. What does this mean to you? How might you explain your experience with Jesus to another person? What examples from your life provide an illustration?
8. Read John 4:5-15. Jesus makes a subtle invitation using the idea of living water. Do you think the Samaritan woman took Jesus literally or figuratively? What lessons in his approach might help you share your faith with someone else?
9. Share in your group the names of people that come to mind as potential "reach two" prospects. Spend time praying for these people and one another as you initiate relationships.