

LIVING MISSION

For Youth



Human Trafficking (Audio Recording) Discussion Guide for Youth Groups

Think About It:

Simple definition of human slavery: When someone is forced into labor where they feel they are not free to leave.

- More slaves exist in our world today than ever in history.
- Approximately 27 million people are enslaved in our world.
- Between 600,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked internationally each year.
- 3 out of every 4 victims to human trafficking are women.
- Half of modern day slaves are children.
- The average age of entry into prostitution is 14 years old.

Discuss:

- Theresa was a high school student, lonely and looking for friends. Her desire to be included led her into a nightmare. Are there students at your school like Teresa, who are desperate for friendship and inclusion and who might be willing to do anything for acceptance?
- How is the term “Pimp” or “Pimping” used among your friends? The podcast tells us that the evolution of the term “pimp” comes from our society’s desire to get more stuff, no matter what it costs, even if we have to sell people! Do you struggle with greed and an unhealthy desire for material things?
- Human trafficking is based on supply and demand. The more people who purchase cheap items made in a sweat shop or purchase sex, the more people will be trafficked into slavery and sex labor. We live in a society where we are told that money can buy anything that we can have whatever we want as long as we can afford it. Who suffers from this way of thinking? As Christians, how should we think differently about what money can buy?
- Caring about issues like human trafficking has become a popular trend. It is cool to look like you care about causes, but it is harder to actually get involved. It is not enough to join a Facebook cause to make us feel better about ourselves. In the world of Facebook, how do we move beyond the appearance of caring to actually caring about people and living out love for neighbor?

Act:

Look for the signs. A trafficking victim might be someone who:

- Moves often and has little knowledge of her surroundings
- Always has someone speaking for him and controlling his environment
- Has no control of her own documentation and money
- Is malnourished, submissive, tense, or nervous

It doesn’t matter how old you are; you can get involved in fighting human trafficking. Think about the three steps laid out in the podcast and pray about what you can do:

1. Prosecute—Raise money for organizations that prosecute “Johns” and break the supply and demand cycle of trafficking.
2. Prevent—Help other teenagers develop a healthy understanding of sexuality and heal from sexual addictions at an early age. Educate yourself on what you buy and who makes it.
3. Promote—Create awareness of the reality of human trafficking and how we can break the supply and demand cycle of slavery.