

Three-Hour Workshop:
Faces of Human Trafficking

Session Focus

Understand the problem of global human trafficking and consider becoming a modern abolitionist.

Focus Scripture

Luke 4:18 New International Version (NIV): “***The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free***”.

Objectives

- Connect the mission of Jesus Christ and the Community of Christ with acts to combat human trafficking. Community of Christ is called to Abolish Poverty, End Suffering and Pursue Peace on Earth. These mission initiatives go right to the center of Human Trafficking found in every nation on our planet.
- Respond to the resolution against human trafficking approved April 15, 2010 by the World Church by:
 - Understanding what is meant by human trafficking in international and national law
 - Being able to explain how people become vulnerable to traffickers
 - Further educating their communities about human trafficking
 - Helping to reduce the demand for victims or to decrease vulnerability, and
 - Joining with others to identify, rescue and restore victims of human trafficking.
 - Become an activist in to the efforts against human trafficking.

Materials

- Legal information (download or find through local resources) to present with the provided slides
- Resource list (handout that you will need to compile with some suggestions)
- Large paper for group note taking or large sticky pads
- Markers
- Collected posters and fliers from anti-trafficking group relevant to your area
- Plastic or metal chain (large) to symbolize victims

Resources

- Power point slide presentation - Community of Christ presentation “Faces of Human Trafficking” - with presenter notes (provided)
 - Computer with PowerPoint
 - Internet connection if doing on-line quiz, below

- Screen or blank wall for presentation

Gather

Have the focus scripture read to the group. Have the group read the focus scripture quietly to themselves. Then have the focus scripture read to the group again by a different reader.

Share the full statement of objectives.

Note: consider having a worshipful beginning, using the resources in this electronic packet.

Group Activity

1. Start with the on-line quiz: <http://slaveryfootprint.org/> "How many slaves work for you?" This challenging on-line quiz takes from 10 to 20 minutes to complete. It is an excellent way to introduce concepts and to provide a kind of a pretest for the participants to their knowledge on the ubiquity of slavery in our world.
2. Share one of the many anti-trafficking videos available depending on the need of your group and the ages participating. A list of potential videos is provided in the preparatory materials. As noted, preview any videos before sharing.
3. Present the slides and participate in 2 group exercises. Before presenting, add information on international or national laws that pertain to trafficking and local resource groups.
4. An alternative is to use the Open Space exercise. This leads to more ownership of the ideas generated and can allow a group with strong ideas and passion to decide what next steps are for them. This exercise takes a minimum of 1 hour.

Engage

Group Activity

The group activities are embedded in the slides.

Instructions

Be prepared to divide into small groups (4–6 people if the group is small, up to 10-12 if a larger group). Each group should choose a leader and reporter. Reporter should take notes and be prepared to share the discussion OR choose a note taker and reporter.

Respond

Summarize suggestions that came from small group work. What will the congregation do? What else will individuals do? What next step is agreed on for the whole group? Small groups or individuals? How will you ensure accountability? Sustainability?

Sending Forth

Tie our call to combat Human Trafficking to the Enduring Principle: Worth of All Persons

- God views all people as having inestimable and equal worth.

- God wants all people to experience wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships.
- We seek to uphold and restore the worth of all people individually and in community, challenging unjust systems that diminish human worth.
- We join with Jesus Christ in bringing good news to the poor, sick, captive, and oppressed.

Tie our call to combat Human Trafficking to the Enduring Principle:

Pursuit of Peace (Shalom)

- God wants shalom (justice, reconciliation, well-being, wholeness, and peace) for all of creation.
- Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's shalom (peace), reveals the meaning of God's peace in all aspects of life.
- The vision of Zion is to promote God's reign on earth, as proclaimed by Jesus Christ, through the leavening influence of just and peaceful communities.
- We courageously and generously share the peace of Jesus Christ with others.
- Led by the Holy Spirit, we work with God and others to restore peace (shalom) to creation.
- We celebrate God's peace wherever it appears or is being pursued by people of good will.

Tie our call to combat Human Trafficking to the Mission Initiatives:

- Abolish Poverty, End Suffering
- Pursue Peace on Earth.

Bless

Close with a prayer circle for freedom, courage, wisdom and committed action. Ask each person to share a sentence or two. Pass around a symbol of slavery such as a part of a chain. People can pass the chain if they would prefer not to pray.