

## **Anti-Human Trafficking Exercise for use during 3-Hour workshops or during a series of educational events**

This exercise uses the Open Space method to solicit ideas from a group on what are the most important issues in the community around human trafficking. For more information on the Open Space method, see <http://www.openspaceworld.org>.

An open space is a way for the attendees to have ownership of the process and outcomes without being guided through a particular agenda. As an exercise, this is a modification of this process to allow a large group to work very quickly through multiple topics and to share their results with the group.

Time required: **1 hour to 1½ hours** depending on the number of groups that form and that will need to report back to the group as a whole.

Materials needed: Each group will need someone to document its work. This can be done on notepaper or on large post-it notes or easel paper.

To begin: The organizer will announce that there are many topics around human trafficking that deserve the congregation's attention and energy. To explore these topics, each person in the group is free to come up with one five (5) word title to the conversation that they wish to have. Each person who has a 5-word topic they want to talk about will be free to announce their topic; small groups will form around each topic as interest allows.

After a couple minutes to form topics, each person who wants to speak should go to a microphone and announce their topic, then step to a spot on the side wall so people can find them if they want to talk about that topic.

Announcement of topics: Each person who wants to steps to a microphone and reads their 5-word topic.

When all who want to have done so, ask people to move to the person who listed a topic they want to discuss.

Each group will have about 20 to 30 minutes to talk. They should choose a note taker who will then become their reporter.

To conclude: When the group conversation starts to wane, call the room back to order. Each group reporter will now be able to report back a couple of sentences that summarize their work. This material should then be summarized in some form for later use in planning activities for the group.

Alternatively, use a "gallery walk." Each group will post their large paper with their notes of their discussion. The notes should conclude with an action step. The group as a whole will have about 10 minutes to read them all and then should vote on their first choice and second choice. Again this should lead into a discussion of mission and what the group wants to do to address trafficking in their community.