

Week 1: Injustice Of Trafficking

Luke 4:14-20

- 1. The *Dirty Laundry* series focuses on the ways our sexuality has become broken and distorted by sin and the ways it is being mishandled in our world. Do you think discussing these topics in general belong in the church? What about the specific issue of the sex trafficking industry? Why?
- 2. In Luke 4 Jesus quotes Isaiah 61 in announcing His presence as the Messiah. What do these verses tell us about His agenda? Do you think Jesus meant these things metaphorically or literally (ex. spiritually blind vs. actually blind)?
- 3. Brainstorm together and discover other scriptures that tell us what God says about the oppressed and slaves. How *should* these principles be evident in us as followers of Jesus (individually and corporately)? How do these things *actually* show up in your faith/life?
- 4. Pastor Mark said that he previously viewed the people in the sex industry as willing participants and criminals but after learning more he realized they were more like victims. Do you see them more as criminals or victims? How would each perspective influence our response to the topic?
- 5. There are several things we can do to begin making a difference in the fight against sex trafficking 1) choke demand, 2) change laws, 3) be alert and report, and 4) care for the victims. Which of these do you think will have the biggest impact? In what way(s) are you in a position to leverage one or more of these actions to fight sex trafficking?
- 6. Take a moment to examine your heart in silence: 1) Do I lean more towards judgment/condemnation or mercy/love towards the people trapped in the sex industry? 2) What needs to change in my heart so that it more closely resembles God's heart on the matter?
 - Commit to pray for any heart change needed on this issue and ask God how He is calling you into action to advance the Kingdom and defeat human trafficking.
 - Contact Tim Perry for more information on action steps timp@cccomaha.org