

## *Free. In. Deed. Gathering*

### **Instructions:**

This sheet is an outline for your night meeting. Of course you can do many more activities for your *Free. In. Deed.* event—overnights, games, outreaches, etc—this is something for you to use for your “night meeting” where you will be focusing on educating your group, and then praying. You are encouraged to use this material, but of course are free to do your own homework and add to this or whatever you’d like. Here are the basic instructions for using this template:

- 1) A “▷” indicates a place where you, the leader, have something to do.
- 2) A “•” indicates a question for you to ask.
- 3) All .pdf’s, powerpoints, and videos can be found at [vineyardyoutheast.org](http://vineyardyoutheast.org)

### **▷Intro Game – Beware the Slave Trader**

This is described in detail on page 6 of **edpack3.pdf** which you should have received with your packet. Print out pages 6-8, that’s all you’ll need. Pages 7-8 are cards you’ll need to copy for the game.

### **▷Discussion/Teaching**

*Note to youth pastors: I like to let students discover the reality of human trafficking by asking a series of questions that helps them think and process this great evil, instead of just presenting them with facts and statistics that can easily become faceless, nameless details to be ignored once you stop talking.*

Series of Questions to create discussion: *After each question give the group a chance to answer and guess before giving the facts. This is a great way to get the group thinking and discussing!*

- **Who here is already involved in the abolition of human trafficking?** (gives you a gauge for where your group is at) –don’t be afraid if you get blank stares...☺just move on.
- **Raise your hand if you’ve heard of human trafficking. What have you heard? Where is it happening?** (Most groups will list places like Asia and Europe. All answers are correct, this is just to get the conversation going. )
- **Does anyone here know what year slavery was officially abolished worldwide?** (1927)
- **How many slaves would you guess were in the world during that time (the trans-Atlantic trade)?** (Approx. 4 million)

- **Have you ever been sitting in history class, learning about slavery and thought, “Man, I wonder what I would have done if I lived during that time” “would I have helped the underground railroad?” Raise your hand if you’ve had that thought.**

KEY POINT: WE DO LIVE IN THAT TIME!

- **Does anyone want to guess how many slaves are living today? (Est. 27-30 Million)**

THOUGH SLAVERY WAS OFFICIALLY ENDED IN 1927, IT CONTINUES TO GROW UNDERGROUND, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WITH KEY FACTORS THAT MAKE PEOPLE VULNERABLE.

- **Let’s go back to the question of WHERE this is happening. Where do you think slavery is happening today? What countries come to your mind?** (Allow them to add to the list)

NO COUNTRY CAN ESCAPE MODERN DAY SLAVERY. EACH ONE OF YOU CAN BE AFFECTED BY IT.

- **What do you think are some of the common denominators that make human trafficking happen?** Let them brainstorm and ask “Why do you think that is connected?” to help them think through it.
  1. POVERTY
  2. ADDICTION
  3. CORRUPT GOVERNMENT
  4. BAD GUYS
  5. DEMAND (We won’t get into how pornography feeds this evil, but that’s a great topic for another day.)

(This is not an exhaustive list and you won’t have time in 1 session to cover all of the factors, but this does help them understand that it is a complicated puzzle of issues that allow this to happen, so it will require many of us contributing to various solutions to bring an end to it.)

- **What exactly is HUMAN TRAFFICKING?** According to International Justice Mission: (Maybe put this on the power-point so they can read it a few times and respond?)

*Sex trafficking is a massive global enterprise based upon force, coercion and deception. Traffickers transport or detain their victims for the purpose of exploitation and profits through acts of sexual violence...People can also be trafficked for forced labor (think restaurants, agriculture, etc).*

▷Intro Video - <http://love146.org/videos/imagine> (can be found at our website)  
This is a good video to show after your initial discussion to just intro some stats and stuff.

▷Show Statistics Slide

▷Story Video - <http://love146.org/videos/stories> (can be found at our website)  
Stories are often way more powerful for communicating the message—this is a great video of some sad stories, followed by some very redemptive stories.

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***If you want – after video you can read this story as well—demonstrating the point that this is happening in America as well! If not, move down to next question.***

“Mom sells daughter” article

*Police now say that the mother of 5-year-old Shaniya Nicole Davis, who has been missing since Tuesday, forced her child into sexual servitude and prostitution.*

*Police charged Antoinette Nicole Davis on Saturday with charges including human trafficking, child abuse involving prostitution, filing a false police report and resisting, delaying or obstructing an officer.*

*According to arrest documents cited, Davis "knowingly provide(d) Shaniya Davis with the intent that she be held in sexual servitude" and she "permit(ted) an act of prostitution."*

*Shaniya was reported missing from her home on Tuesday morning. Her mother told police she put Shaniya on a couch at 5:30 a.m., but the girl was gone when she checked on her about an hour later.*

*The girl is still missing, and police provided no information Saturday on her possible whereabouts.*

*"The investigation is ongoing to determine if there will be any additional charges," Sgt. John Somerindyke said. "Of course, finding Shaniya is the top priority."*

*Shaniya's father, Bradley Lockhart, told The Associated Press he raised his daughter for several years but last month decided to let her stay with her mother. He said Davis struggled financially over the years, but she recently got a job and her own home, so he decided to give her a chance to raise their daughter.*

*"I should've never let her go over there," he said.*

*Police also have Mario Andrette McNeill, 29, in custody in connection with the*

case.

*Police have said that McNeill admitted to taking the girl, although his attorney told the Associated Press that he will plead not guilty to a charge of first-degree kidnapping.*

*His arrest Friday came after a worker at a hotel reported seeing a child matching Shaniya's description with a man at the hotel Tuesday.*

*A security video showed the girl with a man believed to be McNeill at the hotel at 6:11 a.m. By the time Fayetteville investigators reached the hotel, however, the man and the child had checked out, police said.*

- **What country do you think this happened in?** (North Carolina, Nov. 18, 2009)
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- **How do you think Jesus feels about all of this?** (*Discuss*)

Here are couple of verses to add to your discussion:

*“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matt. 18:6*

*“For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.” Isaiah 61:8*

- If you want – you can get into a discussion here about why God would let this happen – and talk about the Kingdom of God and the “not yet” – or you can move onto the next point.

- **Then what should we do?**

We believe that we need a Spirit empowered, relevant contribution to the abolition of modern day slavery. The church needs to be fully aware of this great evil and also empowered to pray “Let Your Kingdom Come” in the area of human trafficking!

*Luke 4:18 “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,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Notice that Jesus was empowered and anointed by the Spirit for the work of justice. The same must be true of our efforts. Each time we pray as Jesus taught us "Let Your Kingdom Come!" we are inviting the supernatural, awesomeness of heaven to break in and change the reality on earth. That might mean the undercover agent gets a word of knowledge as to which brothel has the under-aged children in it, it might mean seeing angles opening locked doors, it might mean Jesus speaking His comforting words during a counseling sessions that heals year of trauma!

- **What about putting hands and feet to our prayers?**

Let's look at the story of the loaves and the fish: check out John 6

*<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.*

*<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages<sup>[a]</sup> to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"*

*<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"*

*<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.*

*<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.*

Let's think about this:

How many people were there? 5000 is just the men!

Clearly, for the disciples to feed all these people was pretty much impossible! They felt overwhelmed..."how the heck are we suppose to feed these people?" "How can we help this?"

Many of us may feel this way when we look at the statistics of human trafficking!  
“How the heck are we supposed to help?”

- **What did the little boy have? What was “in his hand”? BREAD & FISH**

That didn't seem like much to him or to the disciples, but they offered it to Jesus.

- **What is your hand?**

Talent (artistic talent- use example of Ten Shekel Shirt and other bands that have used their music to bring awareness and funds to fight human trafficking.)

Ability to fundraise- every rescue depends on the funds raised for investigations, safe-homes, and so much more)

Voice- (do you have a voice that could make others aware of human trafficking?)  
(Maybe you know someone who is thinking about running away...you can be the voice that educates them to the fact that pimps usually approach runaways within 48 hours on the streets!)

Prayer- (every time we pray “let Your Kingdom come” we shift what is taking place in the supernatural. )

More?

- **Have you given what is in your hand to Jesus?**
- **What did Jesus do with the loaves and the bread? HE TOOK IT AND FED THE WHOLE CROWD! SUPERNATURAL MIRACLE! Let Your Kingdom Come!!!**

*As we approach the issue of human trafficking, we know that we have a very big, powerful God that is very heartbroken and angry about this evil and He wants to use US to fight and end this modern day slavery, through the in-breaking of HIS Kingdom.*

*As you wrap up this session, have each of the youth put out their hands and pray that God will show them what is in their hands. Have them take time to respond to the Holy Spirit.*

▷ **Ending Video** - <http://love146.org/videos/dianas-love-story> (can be found at our website)

This is a great video to end with as it shows how by supporting love 146 and praying, people's lives are actually being saved right now!

▷ **How we are responding as a region:**

- **Raise Awareness**
- **Raise Money**
- **Pray**

▷ **Prayer Time 9:00-9:30pm! (put slide up)**

We will end with prayer – as a whole region! Below are some targets that you can show as a slide (provided) or print out and hand out to groups – whatever is best for you.

- The children trapped in slavery right now!
- The children being targeted to be slaves right now! (Wisdom and TRUTH to be exposed so they will not be tricked!)
- The Brothel owners to have an encounter with Jesus that would shut down the industry.
- The men and women around the globe that are paying to abuse these children. May they have an encounter with Jesus and be freed from their addictions and enslavement to sin.
- The police and NGO workers fighting to save the victims!
- The leaders of the safehomes that are helping the victims heal.

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