



- We can't have a heart for the city if we are **disconnected** from the **people** of the city.

41 ... Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep. Luke 19:41 (NLT)

The challenge for many is:

- As corruption in the city grows, we tend to **ignore** it.

Statistics of Human Trafficking in the central Valley:

480 Human Trafficking victims have been identified.

13 - The average age of victims.

Victims are primarily used for Ag **labor** and **sex**.

- Our hearts need to be **moved**, but not **weighed down**, with the needs of our city.

6 ...Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Isaiah 58:6 (NLT)

Developing a heart of God for Human Trafficking:

- Remember that God has **rescued** us from **slavery**.

17 Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. 18 Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. Romans 6:17-18 (NLT)

Because we have been freed, we understand:

The **Helplessness** and **heartache** that comes with slavery.

4 Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. Galatians 1:4 (NLT)

The **joy** of being **rescued**.

- Make Jesus' **mission** our purpose.

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, 19 and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him." Luke 4:18-19 (TLB)

7 GOD said, "I've taken a good, long look at the affliction of my people in Egypt. I've heard their cries for deliverance from their slave masters; I know all about their pain. Exodus 3:7 (MSG)

17 LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them. 18 You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so mere people can no longer terrify them. Psalm 10:17-18 (NLT)

We need awareness because:

- Human Trafficking shows the moral **decay** of our city.
- Human trafficking shows the moral **appetite** of our city.

Our response to Human Trafficking:

- Do what God is **leading** you to **do**.

9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." Exodus 3:9-10 (NIV)

- Go and **make disciples**.

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

- **Pray** for the victims.

16 ...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16 (NLT)

- Stop **looking at porn**.

3 I will not put any evil thing before my eyes... Psalm 101:3 (BBE)

6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,

8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What would you consider your level of awareness to be when it comes to human trafficking?
- Why would we want to help others because God has rescued us from slavery? Do you find this is true in your life?
- When it comes to human trafficking, how do we make Jesus' mission our purpose? What does that look like?
- Do you feel that human trafficking shows the moral decay and appetite (or lack there of) of our city?
- When it comes to our response, some will be more involved than others. What do you feel God is leading you to do? (no guilt)
- How does making disciples help the human trafficking problem in our city? What does it mean to make disciples?
- How we pray reflects our faith in what God can do. Will you pray for the victims in the Central Valley?
- If we have an appetite for pornography, how are we perpetuating the problem?

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