

RED LETTER JESUS

A look at Jesus' own words and
what He calls us to do.

SERMON DISCUSSION SHEET

CONNECT

Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.

- Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week.
- Was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you from the message?

GROW

We know people may have varying responses to hearing about the harsh realities of slavery, while at the same time reconciling that with the hope found in God's truth. This can be both inspiring and challenging. Remind your group members of this before you begin your discussion. Speak truth and offer grace as you learn and grow together.

What is something new you learned about International Justice Mission? For most of us, hearing that 36 million people are trapped in slavery can be staggering. How do we overcome the paralysis that a number like this can cause?

How does the ministry of justice overlap with the ministries of evangelism and compassion?

According to Micah 6:8, we're required to "act justly". This suggests that the work of justice is not passive. We're not simply to "think justly" or to "feel justly", but to take action. What does this mean for us? How exactly do we enact justice on a daily basis? How do we become brave enough?

What does active love look like when discussing slavery and trafficking?

Thinking about the freedom we find in Christ, does this give you courage to act? What are some different ways you have experienced this freedom?

Consider the struggle against slavery in the 19th century, or the struggle against child labor, or the American civil rights movement. In each era, the church deployed those with specialized expertise and skill to do the work of justice — but also joined in by raising its voice as advocates for the poor. What can the church do to support those who are severely oppressed and enslaved today? How does this apply beyond the conversation of forced labor, prostitution or cybersex trafficking?

PRAYER

Spend intentional time together in prayer this week. Share prayer requests.