



SERMON

SMALL GROUPS

Justice

Slavery footprint

Speakers: Dave Patterson & Justin Dillon

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

- This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. After considering the needs of your group, you may choose one of the following options:
 - ◆ one section of questions
 - ◆ one or two questions from each section
- Feel free to adapt the format to meet the needs of your group. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, add Scripture and ask suitable questions. Remember that this is only a guide.
- Personal application is key to everyone's growth and should be included in every discussion. When asked how he or she intends to apply a certain principle a group member may say, "I need to spend more time in the Bible and in prayer." It is important for you to help group members make applications that are more specific and commit to a specific plan of action by asking, for example, "How are you going to begin?" An example is to get up 30 minutes earlier each morning, spending 15 minutes reading the Bible and 10 minutes in prayer. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.
- As the leader your goal is to help bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their need for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.



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Dave Patterson:

Micah 6:6, 8

The people asked Micah

What offering should I bring
when I bow down to worship
the Lord God Most High?...

Micah replied,

The Lord God has told us what is right
and what he demands:

“See that justice is done,
let mercy be your first concern,
and humbly obey your God.”

What is justice? Making a wrong, right.

2011 there are over 27 million slaves world wide. By far the most people enslaved than ever before in the history of the world.

It's one thing to make a point... but much more powerful to make a difference.

Our faith requires action. We have been called to do more than just to sit and listen or sing songs of justice. As the Body of Christ we should be compelled to action against injustice.

If we are not motivated by compassion, to do our part concerning slavery in our world what does that say about our resolve to fulfill the great commission Matt 28:19-20? Allowing God to stir us to action in the things we can see will better enable us to be stirred to action toward the things that are not seen.

Reaching the lost takes a "God given burden" and so will taking action to do something about world slavery.



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Go into all the world is not just a great idea from scripture but is in fact a command... A commissioning from God himself.

God wants us to do something about injustice, He wants to stir us to action.

Justin Dillon:

Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do good.

Seek justice.

Help the oppressed.

Defend the cause of orphans.

Fight for the rights of widows.

Sometimes it is difficult to identify with world slavery because our paths just don't cross. We are so far removed from it that we just don't think about it, "Out of site out of mind". However many products we use have there roots in the slave trades, soap, contacts, coffee, electronics, our cars to name a few. So we see that our stories mix with their stories. We are not as far removed as we would like to be.

So what will we do? If we do nothing we are indifferent. Indifference is tougher to deal with than the traffickers themselves.

1 John 3:17

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

So... ? We are going "glocal"... doing something at a local level that has global implications.

Go to slaveryfootprint.org and fill out the survey to learn more about our part in this global movement.



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Discussion Questions

- Do the survey at slaveryfootprint.org and share your findings.
- How does it make you feel knowing that our spending habits actually impact the slave trades?
- How important is it for us to be involved in this movement?
- What can you do in response to this message?
- What will be the biggest hurdles we will face as we try to get involved?
- How impacted were you by this revelation and how impacted are you by the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)? Should we be more impacted by one more than the other?

(Leader tip: Try to bring the revelation that we should be *more* concerned with those who are slaves to sin than those who are slaves in life, and the level of compassion toward those who are slaves in life should give us a hint as to how much we are motivated to reach those who are slaves to sin. At the end of the day it is going to take a God given compassion and burden to do anything, about either one.)

Pray with your group for a deeper compassion toward those trapped in the slave trades and ask Him to stir us to action.