

Hot Topics

Human Trafficking

Leader Guide

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Note to the Leader: The Web sites included in the Additional Resources section at the end of this Hot Topic will provide you with more detailed information on human trafficking you can use as you facilitate this discussion. Included in the sites provided are ways traffickers lure people into what ends up being prostitution, facts about the trafficking industry, as well as tips for being safe and reporting incidences. This additional information will allow you to customize this Hot Topic and be able to discuss the issue of human trafficking on a level that is appropriate for the girls you lead.

Contrary to a common assumption, human trafficking is not just a problem in other countries. Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all fifty states, Washington D.C., and some U.S. territories. Victims of human trafficking can be children or adults, U.S. citizens or foreign nationals, male or female.

According to U.S. government estimates, thousands of men, women, and children are trafficked to the United States for the purposes of sexual and labor exploitation. An unknown number of U.S. citizens and legal residents are trafficked within the country primarily for sexual servitude and, to a lesser extent, forced labor. *Excerpt from the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Human Trafficking Web site:* http://usmissions.ag.org/resources/human_trafficking.cfm

Have a girl read Zechariah 7:10.

- How does this verse relate to human trafficking?
- How could the different groups of people mentioned in this verse be susceptible to human trafficking today?
- What would drive someone to oppress another person?

Have a girl read Luke 4:18–19.

- Why should Christians take a stand against human trafficking?
- How does this verse show the importance of meeting the physical needs as well as the spiritual needs of a person?

Have a girl read the Preamble to the United States Constitution.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



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- Break apart the preamble. What do each of the action statements mean?
 - Establish justice
 - Ensure domestic tranquility
 - Provide for the common defense
 - Promote general welfare
 - Secure the blessings of liberty

Have a girl read Hebrews 13:3.

Take a minute to think about how you would feel if you were taken away from your family and held captive against your will (maybe even in a different state or country). Imagine if you were being threatened or hurt in order to get you to do what they want.

- How can we remember those who are imprisoned and being mistreated?
- What role can you play in the fight against human trafficking?
- How can social sites and the Internet be used to lure you into human trafficking?
- What steps can you take to protect yourself from people who are evil?

Prayer: Thank You, God, that I am not in a human trafficking situation today! I pray earnestly for those who are trapped right now. Please shine a light so that they can be rescued. Turn the hearts of the perpetrators to You. Use my life to be part of the prevention, rescue, and healing solution for those who need help.

Additional Resources:

- Assemblies of God U.S. Missions http://usmissions.ag.org/resources/human_trafficking.cfm
- Ways Youth Are Recruited into Prostitution: http://www.adultssavingkids.org/ways_youth_recruited.html
- U.S. Health and Human Services: Human Trafficking Fact Sheet http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/fact_human.html
- WebWiseKids: equipping young people to safely use and enjoy the latest technologies
- <http://www.webwisekids.org/>
- <http://www.a21.org/index.php?site=true>

For more topical Bible studies for teen girls, visit www.myhealthychurch.com/teengirls

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