



## Faith in Action to End Slavery



### Sundays Against Slavery

Christians were instrumental in building the moral consensus that led to slavery being outlawed worldwide. The job now is to eradicate modern forms of this crime against humanity. Here are ways the Christian community has become engaged in the fight against modern-day slavery.

### Christian Leaders Taking Action

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:** The USCCB has launched a comprehensive anti-human trafficking campaign through which they conduct research as to the effectiveness of existing aftercare programs for survivors, educate the public and raise awareness about slavery, and provide employment services to victims and survivors of trafficking. Learn more: [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/human-trafficking/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/human-trafficking/index.cfm)

**Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking:** FAAST, a Christian nonprofit alliance, works to raise awareness about slavery and trafficking, as well as provide the tools and trainings necessary for community members to make a difference. They developed a comprehensive curriculum called *Hands that Heal: International Curriculum to Train Caregivers of Trafficking Survivors* to educate communities in serving victims of human trafficking. Learn more about their work here: [www.faastinternational.org/](http://www.faastinternational.org/)

## For Small Group or Bible Study Leaders

**Community Supper (Mission + A Meal):** Host a community supper at your church, home or local restaurant. Ask a local food vendor to donate a meal and invite other small groups, friends and family to hear about Free the Slaves' mission - to liberate slaves around the world & change the conditions that allow slavery to persist - and how the church can help. Attendees can make a donation to the organization in place of paying for their meals.

**Study on Modern Slavery + the Bible's Call to Action:** Take three to four weeks to lead your group in a study of modern-day slavery and the Bible's teachings on freedom, justice and compassion for this issue. You could assign some readings from one of Free the Slaves co-founder Kevin Bales' books [www.freetheslaves.net/books](http://www.freetheslaves.net/books) and refer to biblical scriptures and stories that lead to reflection, discussion and action.

**Communities for Communities:** Free the Slaves supports more than 1,000 community groups to achieve and sustain freedom in slavery hot spot countries. Slavery is such a large injustice that it can often seem like too big a problem to tackle. We invite your small group to support a village through the act of prayer. Guided by the scripture Matthew 18:19, lead your group in praying specifically for one of the communities Free the Slaves works in. Email us [info@freetheslaves.net](mailto:info@freetheslaves.net) for details about how you can support a front line community.

*Matthew 18:19* – “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.”

**Fund an Abolitionist:** Free the Slaves works on the ground to help rescue and reintegrate those in slavery, and to cut-off slavery at the source. Organize a fundraiser or donate to help us pay the salary of a liberator who risks his or her life to go on the frontlines and rescue slaves. Learn more about our partner abolitionists and their innovative programs here: [www.freetheslaves.net/where-we-work/](http://www.freetheslaves.net/where-we-work/).

## For Individuals

Join or Start a Small Group Focused on the Study of Modern-day Slavery:

Check out your church's website to find out if there is a small group dedicated to the topic of modern-day slavery or social justice. Join an existing group, or find out how you can start and lead a Sundays Against Slavery project within your church community.

Talk to Your Mission's Pastor about Partnering with Free the Slaves: Is your church actively involved in partnering with organizations to help end social injustice around the world? It may seem like a small action, but presenting Free the Slaves to your church's missions/outreach team can help lead to tangible change. We want to spread the word about our effective model for eradicating slavery, but we can't do it without you! The church has an important role to play in the anti-slavery movement.

## Donate

Consider making a gift to Free the Slaves in commemoration of Christian holidays. Stand alongside modern-day abolitionists who are on the front lines fighting for freedom of people around the world. Visit [www.freetheslaves.net/donate](http://www.freetheslaves.net/donate).

## Learn More

Here are links to downloadable resources that you can use:

- Slavery Today, Slavery in History, Survivor Stories, Frequently Asked Questions: [www.freetheslaves.net/about-slavery/](http://www.freetheslaves.net/about-slavery/)
- Videos and books about modern slavery and innovative solutions to ending slavery worldwide: [www.freetheslaves.net/building-awareness/](http://www.freetheslaves.net/building-awareness/)
- Stay up-to-date with political actions to prevent slavery and care for victims and survivors by following Free the Slaves on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and participate by signing petitions or calling senators and representatives.