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# COUNTER CULTURE

FOLLOWING CHRIST  
IN AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN AGE

*A War on Women: The Gospel and Sex Slavery*

# **WARNING:**

**WHILE TODAY'S CLASS IS NOT GRAPHIC IN NATURE, WE WILL BE REFERENCING SEX, ABUSE, AND PORNOGRAPHY, SOMETIMES IN THE CONTEXT OF CHILDREN.**

# Class Schedule

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- Aug 8 Introduction & The Greatest Offense: The Gospel and Culture  
Matt Linebarger
- Aug 15 Where Rich and Poor Collide: The Gospel and Poverty  
Tim Yates
- Aug 22 Modern Holocaust: The Gospel and Abortion  
Matt Linebarger
- Aug 29 The Lonely in Families: The Gospel and Orphans and Widows  
Tim Yates
- Sep 5 A War on Women: The Gospel and Sex Slavery  
Matt Linebarger
- Sep 12 A Profound Mystery: The Gospel and Marriage  
Gary Matlack
- Sep 19 Bought with a Price: The Gospel and Sexual Morality  
Michael Lovelace



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- Sep 26 **Unity in Diversity: The Gospel and Ethnicity**  
Tim Yates
- Oct 3 **Unprecedented Crisis: The Gospel and Refugees**  
Matt Linebarger
- Oct 10 **Christ in the Public Square: The Gospel and Religious Liberty**  
Tim Yates
- Oct 17 **A World of Pride: The gospel and the LGBTQ+ Community**  
Mark Trigsted
- Oct 24 **Unholy Allegiance: The Christian and Politics**  
Matt Linebarger
- Oct 31 **Let's Risk It All/Q&A**  
Matt Linebarger & Tim Yates



# Review



# Regarding Class Discussion

- #1 God and His Word Are Central
- #2 Everyone Participates (if they want to)
- #3 No One Dominates
- #4 Be Respectful



# Levels of Belief

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**CONVICTIONS**

**PERSUASIONS**

**OPINIONS**



# What ARE We Doing?

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What is the purpose of the particular/local church?

1 Make Disciples

Matthew 28:16-20

2 Equip Saints

Ephesians 4:11-14





# Four Methods of Engaging the Culture

1 We Conform

2 We Check Out

3 We Combat

4 We Counter



A War on Women:  
The Gospel and Sex Slavery



# Rebecca Bender's Story

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**Rebecca Bender's Story - Human Trafficking Survivor**

**Link to Video: <https://youtu.be/jHcoEY6gJJ0>**



# What is Sex Slavery?

**Sex trafficking or slavery is the forcing of human beings into any form of commercial sexual exploitation.**



# What is Sex Slavery?

**Commercial sexual exploitation includes pornography, prostitution and the sex trafficking of women and girls, and is characterized by the exploitation of a human being in exchange for goods or money.**



# What is Sex Slavery?

**Some sex trafficking is highly visible, such as street prostitution. But many victims remain unseen, operating out of unmarked brothels in unsuspecting neighborhoods in big cities and small towns.**



# Modern Slavery

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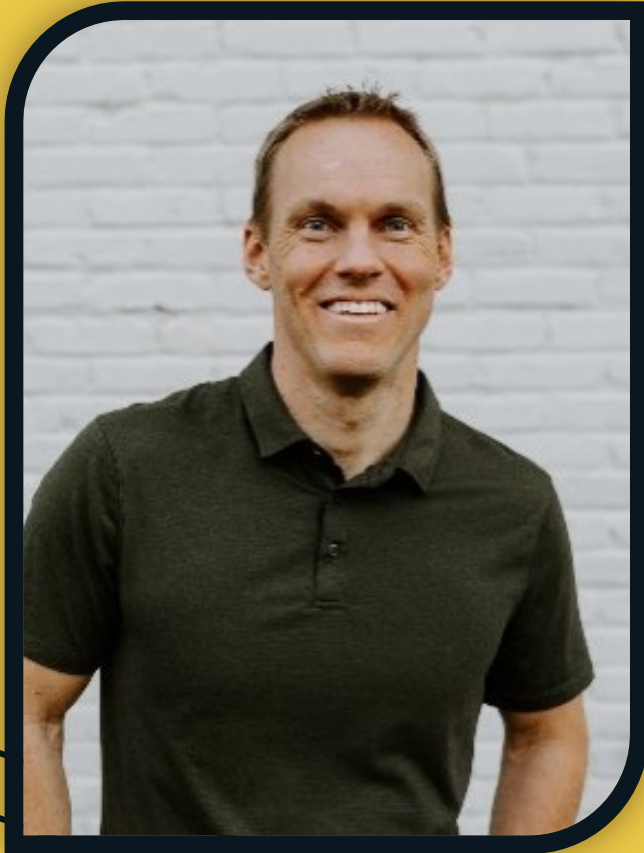


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# Modern Slavery

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David Platt





# Modern Slavery

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# How Does This Happen!?

**SEX TRAFFICKING** occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act.

**A COMMERCIAL SEX ACT** includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes.

It thrives because there's serious demand.



# How Does This Happen!?

Traffickers find victims through:

Social Networks

Home Neighborhood

Clubs & Bars

Internet

School

The *common age* a child enters sex trafficking is

# 14-16

Too Young And Naive To Realize What's Happening

And lure them through promises of:



Protection



Love



Adventure



Home



Opportunity

Traffickers Use



Fear



Violence



Intimidation



Threats

To Ensure Compliance And Meet Demand

Victims need help  
not judgement or  
punishment.



# What Does the Old Testament Have to Say?

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→ Exodus 21:16

→ Psalm 7:11

→ Psalm 24:1

→ Psalm 82:3-4

→ Proverbs 31:8-9

→ Isaiah 61:1



# What Does the Old Testament Have to Say?

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- Galatians 5:1
- Galatians 3:28
- Ephesians 6:9
- 1 Timothy 1:8-11



# Six Biblical Responses to Sex Trafficking

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- 1 Sex trafficking is an offense to the sanctity of human life.
- 2 Sex trafficking illustrates the sexual perversity of our fallen world.
- 3 Sex trafficking is an offense to the sanctify of marriage.
- 4 Sex trafficking is a picture of bondage to sin.
- 5 Sex trafficking reveals our need for the gospel.
- 6 Sex trafficking will be completely eradicated when Jesus returns.



# The Elephant in the Room





# Slavery & Pornography



American culture is certainly not immune to such a worldview, for our culture's worship of sex has led to the devaluation of women. This is apparent in the prostitution and pornography industries, and it is evident not only in the culture around us but even in the church among us, where instead of countering culture,

Christians are imitating culture. Surveys consistently show that over half of men and increasing numbers of women in churches are actively viewing pornography. Remarkably (but when you think about it, not necessarily surprising), statistics are similar for the pastors who lead these churches.





What Can We Do?



# Our Counter Culture Options

## Participate Where Led

**Slavery still exists. International Justice Mission is a global organization with a solution to end it. They partner with local authorities in 24 program offices in 14 countries to combat slavery, violence against women and children, and police abuse of power against people who are poor. Their solution: rescue and restore victims, bring criminals to justice, and strengthen justice systems.**



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# Our Counter Culture Options

## Participate Where Led

Shared Hope International is dedicated to bringing an end to sex trafficking through our three-prong approach.

1. Prevent - Through training, awareness, and collaboration, we seek to inspire creative prevention strategies.
2. Restore - Our strategic guidance and funding helps local organizations expand shelter and services for survivors.
3. Bring Justice - Our justice initiatives accelerate legislative and policy solutions to combat injustice and protect victims.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## Pray

### **Petition the Lord to:**

- **Intervene and rescue individuals around the world who are being used as sex slaves.**
- **Open the eyes of Christians and churches to the plight of sexual slavery.**
- **Redeem the perpetrators of sex slavery or otherwise execute justice in light of their sin.**

