

**DATE: Saturday – Sunday, July 24-25, 2021**

**SERIES: ChurchNow**

**SERMON: International Justice Mission – Jeff Hancock**

## International Justice Mission is a global organization with a solution to end Slavery

We 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.

### SLAVERY AT A GLANCE

- ❖ There are 40+ million people in slavery globally. That's more than ever before in human history
- ❖ Slavery is a multibillion-dollar industry. Human trafficking generates \$150B annually
- ❖ Slave owners prey on the poor and weak. 1 in 4 victims of forced labor slavery is a child.

Here's a closer look at our proven solution.

#### **Rescue and restore victims**

We find the children and families who are victims of violence, forced labor, or sex trafficking. We then support local police in rescue operations and help meet the victims' urgent needs.

#### **Bring criminals to justice**

We make sure criminals cannot continue to harm vulnerable children, women, and men. We do this by working with local law enforcement in investigating, arresting, and charging slave owners with crimes.

#### **Strengthen justice systems**

Slavery still exists because traffickers and abusers can freely exploit people living in poverty. We provide training, mentoring and support to local law enforcement and other community leaders to slow down and stop the cycle of violence.

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We are thankful today to have Jeff Hancock with us from the **International Justice Mission**. IJM works around the world seeking to overcome slavery and human trafficking.

This organization has a life-changing and world changing mission. We want to give you, and First Baptist Church, the opportunity to be a part of what God is doing to set people free both spiritually and physically. I hope you will take the opportunity to learn more and to be a part of this exciting goal.

## **REBOOT** .....

We are looking forward with anticipation to our **REBOOT** sermon series and emphasis beginning after 18 months of turmoil of every kind.

**One of the important things** that we do to understand and follow the Will of God is to be involved in small group and large group Bible studies.

- **Our small groups** – which we call Connect Groups – are held each Saturday/Sunday around our sermon times. We strongly encourage you to try out different groups until you find the one that “fits” you. This is a great place to meet people, learn God’s Word in an intimate setting, and have fun in fellowship.
- **Our large group Bible study** will start back on Wednesday nights beginning *August 4<sup>th</sup>* at 6:45PM in Central Hall – and will be ***A Study of Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians***.

This is a verse by verse and word by word Bible study that looks in-depth at the major issues of our day and of Paul’s day. This study is open to everyone and will help equip you for the struggles and challenges that you face in a very complicated world. I will be leading this study and hope you will be a part of it.

These are a good way to **REBOOT** - and a good time to *begin again*.

