

FREEDOM SUNDAY  
2016  
UNTIL ALL ARE FREE

**Jeremiah 22:1-5**

## OBJECTIVE OF MESSAGE

1. Expose us to the reality of slavery – bonded (forced) labor, human trafficking, forced prostitution – sexual trafficking
2. Connect us to God's heart to rescue the innocent from injustice
3. Give us a way to respond tangibly

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION  
WEB ADDRESS: [IJM.ORG](http://IJM.ORG)

1. **Largest anti-slavery organization** in world:
  - **700** Christian lawyers, investigators, social workers, pastors.
2. Over **28,000** rescued from slavery
3. Since 2012, **37,000** officers/officials trained
4. **1100 convictions**
  - **Kumar Video #1 here.**

HOWARD COUNTY – RECENT ARRESTS FOR  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SEXUAL SLAVERY

- 9/17/15 –two men and a woman
- 11/10/15 - two Virginia men
- 7/26/16 – one man; two teenage girls rescued.

1. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT  
INJUSTICE? JER 22:1-5

A. Word to **everyone**; 22:2

B. Three commands: 22:3

1. **Do justice** (Micah 6:8).
2. **Do not mistreat (or do violence)**
3. **Do not shed innocent blood.**

## GOD HAS A HEART FOR THE DEFENSELESS."

Ex 22:22, 23:6

Deut 24:17, 26:12

Ecclesiastes 4:1

Habakkuk 1:3-4

Psalms 31:9, 82:3

Isa 1:17, 23; 10:2,

Ezek 22:7

Luke 4:18-19

Matt 11:5

James 1:27

Ps 146:7

IJM Stats on 45 Mill

- 1/4 are children
- 68% are women and girls.
- \$150 Bill industry

## GOD HAS A HEART FOR THOSE HUMANITY HAS FORGOTTEN.

- The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He anointed Me to preach  
the gospel to the **poor**. He has sent  
Me to proclaim release to the  
**captives**, And recovery of sight to the  
**blind**, To set free those who are  
**downtrodden**," --Lk. 4:18

2. JUSTICE IS A VERB – GOD  
COMMANDS IT, WE ARE HIS HANDS  
TO DO IT.

- Jeremiah 22:3, Micah 6:8
- We are each “Moses”:
  - 'I have certainly **seen the oppression of My people in Egypt, and have heard their groans, and I have come down to deliver them; come now, and I will send you to Egypt.'** (Acts 7:34 NAS)



### 3. BE CONVERTED TO HEAR GOD'S CALL TO DO JUSTICE.

- God calls His people to do justice.
  1. We must act against injustice.
  2. On behalf of God.
  3. Even against those more powerful.
- [Kumar Video #2](#)

## NEXT STEPS

1. Get informed about modern-day injustices.
  - Memorize Micah 6:8
2. Join International Justice Mission as a "Freedom Partner":
  - Give \$24 a month. [ijm.org/fp](http://ijm.org/fp)
3. Pray that God will send us back to India.

## NEXT STEPS

4. Stand up for someone that is being unjustly treated:
  - A person being made fun of at school
  - Someone being shamed on Facebook
  - A minority who is alone and mistreated.