

Assessment Questions

Directions

Please answer “yes” or “no” to the following questions.

Your answers to these questions will help you :

- a) Determine where your church is today in respect to the issues of sexual objectification, exploitation and trafficking;
- b) Determine what steps you may want to take to address these issues in your congregation and community; and,
- c) Determine what may be holding you back from responding effectively.

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Educate

1. Yes___ No___
In the last year have any of your church members expressed a concern about the treatment of women in any context: your church, locally, or globally?
2. Yes___ No___
In the last ninety days have you heard any church members talk about sex trafficking or any form of objectification, harrassment or exploitation of women?
3. Yes___ No___
Do you think members of your church are aware that sex trafficking is a reality in your community?
4. Yes___ No___
Has your church sponsored or does it have plans to sponsor an education event to raise awareness and/or combat sexual exploitation/trafficking?

Engage

5. Yes___ No___
Has your church held any discussions or teaching on sex, and the reality of our sexualized culture and the impact on our health and relationships? Were both men and women, adults and youth included?
6. Yes___ No___
Has your church held safe, open conversations for those who may be hurting due to sexual violations or temptations?
7. Yes___ No___
Has your leadership team or membership expressed a desire or taken action to be a part of an effort to combat trafficking in your community?
8. Yes___ No___
Is involvement in efforts to combat trafficking and provide services to victims consistent with the mission/vision/values of your church?

Equip

9. Yes___ No___

Does your church have any programs to help persons who may have been victims of sexual violations or abuse?

10. Yes___ No___

In the last year have any of your church members expressed a concern about their own or another's pornography use?

11. Yes___ No___

Does your church have any programs or efforts to help those addicted to pornography? Do you offer support for their spouses?

12. Yes___ No___

Does your church have any programs to equip parents to educate, support and protect their children in our highly sexualized culture?

Evangelize

13. Yes___ No___

In the past year has your church addressed justice & mercy issues and biblical transformation in your teaching or small group content?

14. Yes___ No___

Have you included outreach and restorative care to "the least of these" in your evangelism strategy?

15. Yes___ No___

Have you encouraged your congregants to love and care for "widows and orphans" via mentoring, Safe Families, fostering or adoption?

16. Yes___ No___

When your leaders or church members speak of victims and perpetrators of sexual sin, is the attitude one of restorative justice (rather than punitive judgment)?

Scoring Key

If you responded YES to Q's 1-4, your congregation is likely well aware and Educated. If not, you may want to take steps to bring more education on sexual issues and human trafficking to your community.

If you responded YES to Q's 5-8, your church is doing a great job not just being aware, but you are Engaged in conversation (talking and listening), as well as getting actively involved. If not, you may want to create more opportunities for interactive discussions and volunteer engagement.

If you responded YES to Q's 9-12, your church is stepping into the challenging and tender space of helping people heal. If not, your charge is to get Equipped to be able to do so and/or partner with other organizations that can offer services that you can't.

If you responded YES to Q's 13-16, your church is prepared to reach out and be a light in the reality of our broken culture. If not, you may want to expand your thinking and approach to Evangelism to be able to represent God's love and reach those who are hurting, confused or suffering trauma as a result of sexual harm.

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