

Pray

- ◆ Pray for the journey we CenterPointe is taking to discover our Next Steps of ministry.
- ◆ Who is sick, hurting, or needing help?
- ◆ Who are you sharing the love of Christ with?
- ◆ Who are you rejoicing with?
- ◆ How have you seen the goodness of God in your life?

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

WHO ARE THE SEXUALLY EXPLOITED?

From a local organization we support: nataliessisters.org

Why do organizations work with women who have been sexually exploited? Who are the sexually exploited? An international issue, this type of exploitation is defined by the UN as “transactional sex”, or “solicitation of transactional sex, or in an “exploitive relationship”. Women in prostitution and adult entertainment fall into this category because of their vulnerability and involvement in high risk transactional work. In the cases of the women Natalie’s Sisters serve, most work in strip clubs or engaged in street-level prostitution, with a few involved in online escorting.

The experience of Natalie’s Sisters in dealing locally with these women over the years has mirrored the known national statistics and studies of the many risks and predictors for those involved in transactional sex, including:

- 70% of adult women in prostitution in one study stated that childhood sexual assault was responsible for their entry into prostitution
- an occupational survey noted that 99% of women in prostitution were victims of violence
- the greater the woman’s poverty, the greater the violence she experiences: and the longer she is in prostitution, the more likely she is to experience violence
- women in prostitution are murdered at a higher rate than any other group of women ever studied
- dissociative disorders, depression, and other mood disorders are common among prostituted women in street, escort and strip club prostitution

For more information, or to learn how you can get involved with this ministry CenterPointe partners with, contact Nancy Horn at nancy@medcompservices.com

MESSAGE NOTES

March 3, 2019

The Kingdom of God // Matthew 6:33 // Brian Bolton, Pastor

1. Why is the Kingdom of God _____?

2. What is the _____ _____ _____?

3. How do we _____ the Kingdom of God?

⇒ This Kingdom must be _____.

⇒ This Kingdom requires _____, _____ & _____.

⇒ This Kingdom is _____.

GROWTH GUIDE

*Growth Groups are sermon-based small groups that meet primarily in homes.
To join a group, visit mycpointe.com/growthgroups*

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Growth Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. You can use this study guide with your Growth Group, your family, or on your own.

Pray

Ask God to clear your mind and help you focus. Ask God to speak to you as you work thru this guide by yourself and with your Growth Group.

Open

1. What is one idea that stood out to you from last week's message? Was there a main idea or concept which spoke to you?

Read, Hear, & Live the Word

Read each passage listed below. As you read each passage journal or answer these questions.

1. How did Jesus or the early church define the Kingdom or Church?
2. What did Jesus or the early church do or model for Christ followers?

Matthew 16:13-19

Matthew 13:24-52

Matthew 18:21-35

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Matthew 22:35-40

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 13:1-3, 14:2-27

Acts 15:1-41

1. What spoke to you most from these scriptures?
2. How could you live out the priorities of the Kingdom in your life more?
3. Finish this sentence in one short statement.
Jesus, the early church defines the Kingdom/church as . . .

Your Input Is Needed

In your Growth Group come up with one short sentence which defines the Kingdom/Church. E-mail this short statement to Brian Bolton at brian@mycpointe.com