

# Asking your congregation to become Freedom Partners

As you give your sermon on Freedom Sunday, your congregation will be taken through an emotional journey. Some of them may even be learning about slavery for the first time.

**It is important for you to end your sermon with hope, not despair.**

How? By telling them that even though slavery is overwhelming, they can do something about it by becoming an IJM Freedom Partner.

By giving \$24 or more to IJM each month, every person in your church can send rescue to thousands of children and families trapped in slavery. The consistent and faithful giving of Freedom Partners allows us to be ready and able to send rescue whenever it is needed.

If you're not sure how to give the invitation to become a Freedom Partner, here is an example:

*"While we sit here in church this Sunday and learn about the reality of slavery, there are thousands of traffickers using their power to keep people enslaved forever—all because slavery is profitable. They simply value money more than human life.*

*These slave owners are relentless, calculated, and tenacious—unafraid to use their power, money and influence to oppress others.*

*We, the church, must act. Each one of us here needs to partner with IJM by becoming Freedom Partners today. Freedom Partners give \$24 or more to IJM each month, and are given regular opportunities to pray and advocate with IJM for the end of slavery.*

*It's simple. IJM knows where the slaves are and has a plan to rescue them. And because of Freedom Partners, IJM is setting slaves free and putting their owners behind bars.*

*The single largest barrier to IJM freeing millions of slaves is a lack of financial resources. Without the monthly giving of Freedom Partners, slavery will not end!"*

If your Freedom Sunday service is in the month of September, please include this in your ask, too:

*"This September, generous donors have committed to DOUBLE the impact of new Freedom Partner giving for an entire year up to \$400,000. When you become a Freedom Partner today, you can send twice the rescue for an entire year!"*

If you have a projector, share this link on the screen and encourage people to sign up right there on their phone: [www.ijm.org/fp](http://www.ijm.org/fp).

Everyone who signs up on their phone will receive an official Freedom Partner welcome packet in the mail. We are also including Freedom Partner thank you packets and sign-up forms for your Freedom Partner Table.