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✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Read 1 Peter 2:11-25 and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Review the articles about “Bring Back Our Girls”

✓ Introduce

Invite the group to make a quick list of the top five stories from the news this week. Do these stories tell about an injustice or suffering? Show the *Bible Background Video*.

✓ Discuss

Ask: Did you hear about the campaign to help hundreds of girls who were kidnapped in Nigeria?

Say: The more than 200 girls are students, ages 16-18, and were kidnapped from their boarding school by armed members of the Boko Haram Islamic group. They are suspected to have been sold into slavery. This story has gained momentum through social media rather than traditional news channels. A Twitter hashtag #Bringbackourgirls has gained the attention of millions of people, and now government powers. People seem outraged at this tragic kidnapping and the suffering of these girls and their families. People expressed both frustration at the inability to do something to help these Nigerian families and a commitment to cry out against this, to bring back the girls. (Share details about the social media campaign to help the girls)

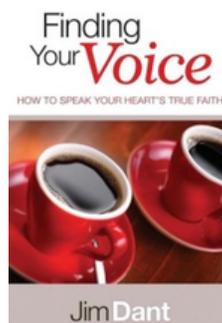
Encourage conversation with questions like the following.

- How do you respond to the story of the Nigerian girls? What feelings does this story bring out for you?
- The *Bible Background Video* names that the people in this scripture experienced injustice and “were powerless to end it on their own.” How do you connect the suffering mentioned in the scripture and the kind of suffering we have talked about today?
- The *Bible Background Video* mentions that this scripture is troubling in some ways. What parts of the scripture are troubling for you?
- Some have said that if the victims were _____, and you could fill in the blank with any other group, the world would pay more attention. What makes us pay attention to suffering?

- Are there other people who suffer that we do not pay attention to? Why? What does paying attention mean for us as Christians?
- One notable part of this news story is the power of social media and individual involvement. This brings to mind what was said in the *Bible Background Video*: “We are not powerless to work for a more just world - in fact, we are more capable now than we ever have been to demand that all people are treated as children of God.”
- What does that mean for us, for our group, today?
- What small (and large) things can we do towards working for a more just world?

Close with prayer for a more just world.

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