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# HOSTING A JUSTICE WEEK

IJM

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A partnership of IJM and Cru at Colorado State University  
(see <http://crupressgreen.com/videos/csu-justice-week/>)

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Make sure to update this document following every Justice Week.

### Goals

1. **Awareness:** For students and professors to become aware of the reality of injustice in our world and equipped with tools to combating injustice.
2. **Gospel Conversations:** For people to learn about the God of justice – who is present and active in our world today – through believers’ words and deeds.

### Schedule

#### SUNDAY - Orientation

1. Sunken Lounge (5:30-6:30ish).
2. Prayer, information and overview of week, communication of week’s goals, sign-ups for students to be involved.
3. Breakdown of the week by days and fill slots needed for various components.

#### MONDAY – Introduction to Justice Week

Morning Prayer (Mountain View Church; 10-11am at Danforth Chapel).

**Flash Mob (Public location, 10:55 and 1:55**

1. Need Signage (with facts/statistics of the realities of sex slavery)
2. Training time with participants beforehand
3. Alert campus newspaper of this high visibility activity.

**IJM Table** (Public location, 10:00 – 2:00)

**Soularium Table** (Plaza,10:00 – 2:00. Students fill 1 hour slots and engage campus on justice topic utilizing soularium cards. Instructions below.)



**Soularium Table- CSU justice week**

**“Thanks for your desire to help engage the CSU students and faculty on the topic of justice. Enjoy your time as you are, for a moment, the voice of those who are enslaved and oppressed around the world. Pray that God will use this hour to raise up an army who will combat the evil in the world and become those who ‘set the captives free’.”**

**The goals of the table:**

1. To engage our community on the topic of injustice.
2. To raise awareness of the issue and catalyze help.
3. To represent the heart of Christ to the campus, as those with no voice are close to His heart.

**Please:**

1. Use Soularium cards as a springboard into your conversation.
2. Replace the standard Soularium questions with the following:
  - a) Which image best represents injustice? Why?
  - b) Which image best represents justice? Why?
  - c) Which image best represents God’s view of injustice? Why?
3. Listen well and limit your speaking.
4. Speak boldly of your hope in Christ and how He came to bring an end to injustice.
5. Get contact information from those who visit the table.

**Resources:**

1. Bible Studies on Justice
2. Backstory booklets. These booklets frame out how to have a relationship with this God of Justice. Also, be sure you can simply use a napkin or piece of paper to explain the Gospel with illustrations and examples.
3. CruPress Green Justice Cycle of Momentum materials
4. IJM’s website for extra information, [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org).

5. IJM CSU Facebook group
6. Sign-up sheet for contacts
7. IJM bracelets
8. Candy
9. Soularium cards
10. Pens
11. Articles

**Before you leave:**

1. Contact those who are to be at table after you.
2. Organize table and double check resources.

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**TUESDAY - Responsible Consumerism Day**

IJM Booth - Hand out Fair Trade coffee (donated by local coffee companies) at the plaza or flea market (10:00 – 2:00).

Soularium Table (10:00 – 2:00)

**WEDNESDAY - Shock and Awe**

Bricks on Campus 10:00 – 2:00 (Freshman Bible Studies)

IJM Table (10:00 – 2:00)

Soularium Table

IJM Handouts before CSU basketball game (hand out statistics as students enter game).

**THURSDAY- Fundraising**

IJM Booth

Soularium Table

IJM documentary played hourly (Advertise in paper ahead of time and show in high traffic area).

24-hour prayer starts (5:00 pm; Chapel on campus. Multiple organizations/churches involved)

IJM Speaker (8:00 pm, in place of Cru meeting)

## **FRIDAY - Giving Back**

24-hour prayer

IJM Fundraising (Loose change to loosen chains; people in chains on plaza, fundraising and selling stuff at flea market. Students in fashion merchandising makes/sells bracelets made from chains to raise awareness/funds for IJM student chapter).

IJM Booth

Soularium Table

"Taken" Movie party (Publicize in campus paper and show in public area).

### **Responsibilities:**

**Advertising**

**IJM Booth**

**Soularium Table**

**Flash Mob**

**Prayer**

**Consumerism Day**

- This day is intended to educate the campus on how the way they consume affects modern day slavery.
- Set-up (how far in advance do you need to start and what needs to be done?): Contacting Fair Trade companies to be involved. Start several months before for both being on campus and for donations; many companies need 6 weeks advance notice to make donations. Make sure to "ok" coffee give-away with event planning (plaza) or the flea market desk at least a month ahead of time.
- Find resources for how to shop slave-free and put together info for people to take. Try Slaveryfootprint.org and Free2work.org

### **I-Empathize**

I-empathize joined us for one day (Wednesday) to have a room with displays, audio visual and actual artifacts from rescued sex trafficking victims. They also set up mattresses outside where people could pay \$10 to sit on one to give visuals to modern day slavery. In addition, they had an info booth with Soularium questions.

- Set-up (how far in advance do you need to start and what needs to be done?): Dates with I-empathize need to be set up at least 2 months in advance and rooms confirmed; they need big rooms with 10' ceilings, and preferably where they can leave stuff overnight.
- Contacts (include name, contact info and location)

What went well: Plaza visuals were VERY helpful.

What didn't/needs to be changed: Be sure to get good rooms ahead of time. I think it would be beneficial to have I-empathize multiple days instead of just one.

## **Bricks on Campus**

Provide a visualization of the reality of slave labor.

- Purchased 50 bricks from an ad on Craigslist for \$20. I'd recommend trying to get 5 times as many bricks (or more, 1000 would be awesome!) Maybe someone would let us "borrow" a full pallet and we then just pay for any we break. Worth checking into at Lowe's, Home Depot, etc.
- We had sign-ups at FRESHMAN Bible Studies and the Justice Week info meeting for 30 minute time slots. You need at least two people the whole time but we had more for most of it, as many as 6 carrying bricks at once. The more the merrier (and bigger impact)! This was good especially during passing periods so we would be obvious. At some points we had people handing out IJM cards with facts on them and trying to engage people in conversation (this worked better during class times when there were fewer people walking by). It would be cool to bring "passer-bys" into the demonstration and have them join in carrying bricks.
- Participants carried 1-2 bricks at a time and held them on top of their heads for a better visual. We carried bricks from east to west (and back) across the plaza building one stack and then moving it back to the original location about 30-40 yards away and so on. This way we were crossing through everyone that walked by. Also, it's cool to have a couple people just stand silent in the middle of traffic holding a stack of bricks while others are carrying bricks around them. Participants also wore white signs that said "I am a SLAVE trapped by bonded labor." and had IJM.org on the bottom. The signs were on a cardboard backing that hung by metal chains from the neck. They looked pretty cool.
- Most participants seemed to enjoy the experience and I know for a number of students it helped them to think about what goes on and engage with those forced into slave labor. I would recommend really encouraging participants to think about this and put themselves in a "slaves shoes" while they are carrying the bricks. The task is very monotonous and boring but, in part, that is the point.
- Idea for next year: pass out bricks to a lot of students and have them carry them in their hands *all day* long (to classes, lunch, etc), using the brick as a conversation piece to engage people with the idea of justice and what we are doing. Arm them with info cards they could give to interested people.

## **IJM Documentary**

Show "The End of Slavery" in the student union, multiple times (every hour on the hour). This was a one day event. I would show it from 11am-3pm or later.

- Set-up (how far in advance do you need to start and what needs to be done?):
- Book room 3 months in advance. Make sure to get one with sound, a projector and a DVD player.
- Contacts (include name, contact info and location):

### **Speaker**

Have someone speak Thursday night on Human Trafficking. Other speakers for other days would be acceptable, too.

- Set-up (how far in advance do you need to start and what needs to be done?): Start looking for speakers 3 months in advance. Confirm a room for them to speak in 8 weeks in advance. Confirm speaker at least one month in advance.
- Contacts (include name, contact info and location):

### **Praise Night**

Praise and worship to the God of Justice. 30 minutes to an hour.

### **Loose Change to Loosen Chains**

Have students go out onto plaza covered in chains and pointing people to IJM table to donate.

- Set-up: Prepare chains, signs, etc. This can be done by the week before Justice Week.
- Get people signed up; start 2 weeks before Justice Week.

### **Showing *Taken***

Showing a movie about slavery or trafficking to help raise awareness and keep encouraging others to get involved. Also as a fun hang out time to keep promoting IJM.

- Set-up (how far in advance do you need to start and what needs to be done?): Find a venue about 3-4 weeks in advanced. Select a movie about injustice, slavery, or trafficking and find out if you need to secure the license for it - about 2-3 weeks in advance.