



## **Exodus Cry Statement on Mike Bickle**

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Exodus Cry was formerly based in Kansas City and some members of our team, including our founder Benjamin Nolot, were on staff at or attended the International House of Prayer Kansas City (IHOPKC) as an expression of their Christian faith and value for prayer. Early in our history, Exodus Cry was affiliated with IHOPKC, where we held weekly prayer meetings focused around the injustice of sex trafficking.

The recent allegations of sexual misconduct against Mike Bickle, IHOPKC's founder, have shocked and disturbed our entire team at Exodus Cry. This news has broken our hearts. First and foremost, we grieve deeply for the victims. We grieve also for all of those in the IHOPKC community and in the larger Body of Christ who find themselves disillusioned and distraught over the grave injustices that have been committed.

The instances of sexual abuse that Mike Bickle engaged in are particularly abhorrent to us as an organization that was founded specifically to fight sexual exploitation. We condemn these acts in the strongest possible manner; there must be zero toleration for sexual abuse of any kind, regardless of any title or influence a person may hold.

Exodus Cry directly serves victims of sexual exploitation and has always fought to hold perpetrators accountable and advocate for survivors of abuse. We stand with many others in calling for an independent third party investigation to be conducted and, with weighty conviction, we pray that light would expose darkness, and every victim would be vindicated.

### **Key Facts for Media Inquiries**

Exodus Cry separated from IHOPKC in 2012 and became its own independent 501c3 organization. It is now based in San Clemente, California, with no current affiliation to IHOPKC or any other ministry. Mike Bickle has never held a position at Exodus Cry or served on its board, and there are no IHOPKC staff or leaders affiliated with Exodus Cry.

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