Lesson 2: The Causes of Poverty
Materials Checklist

The handouts for this lesson can be accessed from the EPIC menu under the Lesson 2 heading.

Opening Prayer/Warm-up
  o Ask participants to bring canned food items to this session as a symbol of one way our faith calls us to respond to the needs of the poor. You may choose to place the food in a basket.
  o A small table
  o A Bible opened to Isaiah 58:6-11
  o Candle and matches
  o Distribute handout on Poverty Rates by State, one per participant

Activity – The Wall of Poverty
  o Copies of President Johnson’s War on Poverty Speech, one per participant
  o Distribute Handouts 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E so each participant has a copy of the appropriate handout for his/her group.
  o Large piece of butcher paper per group
  o Magazines (that may be cut and used for pictures)
  o Scissors and glue, at least one set per group
  o Variety of colored markers, enough for each group
  o Tape (appropriate to affix butcher paper to a wall)

Reflection
  o Copies of Handout 2F: Reflection, 1 per participant