

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

- 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.
- A small table
- A Bible opened to [Isaiah 58:6-11](#)
- Candle and matches
- Distribute handout on Poverty Rates by State, one per participant

Activity – The Wall of Poverty

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

Reflection

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