

TIME TO LISTEN

A group study on the homeless community following 6 individuals and their stories

What? causes homelessness

Health Issues 

Addiction 

Financial Crisis 

Laziness 

Loss of Work 

Mental Illness 

Other

Open

Do you know anyone who has been or is currently homeless?
In your opinion what is the primary cause of homelessness in our community?

Mark your answer in the 1st box in the left hand column.

Watch Film 15 min

After film:

Was there a part of the film that struck you the most?

Do you think there is a legitimate cause of homelessness in our community?

Mark your answer in the 2nd box in the left hand column.

What did you think/feel when ...

Consider the quotes below and discuss each of them individually

Latoria said "I realized I was homeless and I had no family and no support"?

Brian said "One stumble and it seems like you're on the streets"?

Gabriella said "When you're homeless, hope becomes like a whisper in the back of your head"?

Sheri said "Don't be harsh on yourself for your own actions, at the same time be kind."?

Making it personal

Consider these questions and relate them to your personal life

Would you help out a homeless friend / family member, even if they continued to display the same behavior that caused them to be homeless? Why?

Do you think that **you** could become homeless with a few bad decisions/situations?

Is there a cause of homelessness that you feel the most compassion for?

Mark your answer in the 3rd box in the left hand column.

Share with the group why you have compassion for that cause?

Is there a cause of homelessness that you feel no sympathy for?

Mark your answer in the 4th box in the left hand column.

If you're comfortable, share with the group why you struggle sympathizing for the cause of homelessness?

Let's do this

Consider the following ways you can help as you complete your Group Action Plan below

Give Find a local organization that is addressing and helping homeless families and donate.

Serve Find a local organization that is helping the homeless and volunteer to serve.

Act Learn about homeless issues and the legislative system so you can take action with knowledge.

OUR GROUP ACTION PLAN

Choose one of the areas below to do over the next 3 months. Consider your groups answers in the, "What causes homelessness" column as you make a plan. Select the area you have the most compassion for.

Give to

Serve with

Act by