



## Study Guide for Groups

### **Episode: A Safe Place to Live**

Topic: Living in poverty, Homelessness,  
Advocacy

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Listen to our interview with Jim Wallis, Christian, author, speaker, and founding editor of *Sojourners*. Then discuss the following questions.

- Share some of your initial reactions to Jim's interview. What stood out to you? What did you find yourself agreeing/disagreeing with?
- Jim said, "*For the first time in history, we have the knowledge, the resources, the technology, the information, to end extreme global poverty as we know it. What we lack is the moral and the political will.*" What do you think are some of the current reasons/causes for poverty? Do you agree that poverty is the result of a lack of moral and political will?
- Do you personally know anyone who is living in poverty? What insights can you share from their experience with the group?
- How can you, right now in your current life circumstances, make a difference for people who are living in substandard housing? Would you agree that we can all do something, even if it's small?

Listen to this week's "Potluck" segment with Rebecca Thatcher Murcia, author and journalist from Akron, Pennsylvania, immediately following the interview with Jim Wallis. Then discuss the following questions.

- Rebecca found that when she left her "comfort zone" she grew in new ways – even in the way she cooked. How about you? She asks, "*Is there some way you can grow by leaving your comfort zone?*" Have each group member share one thing they can do differently, or commit to something they've never done before that might help them to grow.
- Rebecca lived for a year in Colombia, where housing is considered a basic right. Is housing a basic right in our North American society? Should it be? What difference would it make?