

VIDEO DISCUSSION GUIDE

Fifteen optional videos ... titles, descriptions, audiences and discussion prompts

This is not required viewing. Choose one video or a brief excerpt appropriate to your group. Open each publisher link to watch; screen the content before showing it to minors. These descriptions summarize discussion themes, not verified full transcripts.

For ages 6-10

Use the hands-on drawing and kindness activities instead of documentary footage. For ages 11-13, consider only an adult-previewed, non-graphic excerpt of "Can You Tell Who is HOMELESS?". Older teens may benefit from selected family, housing and language videos; adult groups can explore policy and shelter choices.

A 25-minute conversation

5 minutes: Establish respectful discussion ground rules. **5-10 minutes:** Watch an excerpt. **10 minutes:** What surprised you? What do you still wonder? What practical step might help someone in Chico? Sharing is always optional.

Language and belonging

Can You Tell Who is HOMELESS? — OrgCode

Why show it: A conversation starter about the assumptions we make from clothing, appearance, and first impressions.

Suggested audience: Ages 11-13+ (preview first)

Ask afterward: What assumptions do we make about who is homeless? What might we be missing?

[Watch on OrgCode](#) (the title and link are clickable in the PDF)

Why PERSON-FIRST Language is Important. — OrgCode

Why show it: Introduces the idea of describing someone as a person rather than reducing them to a housing status.

Suggested audience: Teens 14+ / adults

Ask afterward: How can our words describe a situation without defining the whole person?

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The Missing Piece in Ending Homelessness: Shared Values — OrgCode

Why show it: Opens discussion about shared community values among people who disagree about homelessness policy.

Suggested audience: Adults / mixed community groups

Ask afterward: What do participants agree on even when they disagree about policy?

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Families, youth and housing affordability

Why So Many Teens Are Becoming Homeless — OrgCode

Why show it: Explores why young people may lose stable housing and what support they need to stay safe.

Suggested audience: Teens 14+ / youth leaders

Ask afterward: What kinds of support might prevent a young person from losing a safe place to live?

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The Reality of Family Homelessness — OrgCode

Why show it: Introduces the forms of family homelessness that can be less visible than sleeping outdoors.

Suggested audience: Older teens / adults

Ask afterward: Why can family homelessness be difficult for neighbors and schools to notice?

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Arleen: A Mother's Fight for Stability in America's Hidden Homeless Crisis — Invisible People

Why show it: A first-person account of a mother facing housing instability and uncertainty while caring for her family.

Suggested audience: Older teens / adults

Ask afterward: What becomes harder for children and parents when stable housing is missing?

[Watch on Invisible People](#) (the title and link are clickable in the PDF)

Cheri - Homeless Senior Living in Hotel — Invisible People

Why show it: A senior's first-person account that opens conversation about income, shelter, and the cost of housing.

Suggested audience: Adults / community groups

Ask afterward: How can people working or receiving benefits still be unable to afford housing?

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Why So Many Seniors Are Becoming Homeless — OrgCode

Why show it: Opens discussion about the pressures older adults face when rent and resources do not match.

Suggested audience: Adults / church groups

Ask afterward: What would it take for older residents on fixed incomes to remain safely housed?

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Shelter options and meaningful choice

Why Homeless Services Fail Without Choice — OrgCode

Why show it: Explores why services can fail when they do not account for people's actual circumstances and choices.

Suggested audience: Adults / service organizations

Ask afterward: What makes an available service workable for one person but unworkable for another?

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Melissa: Why Homeless Couples Choose the Streets Over Shelter in Seattle — Invisible People

Why show it: A first-person perspective on the complicated decision to use shelter when couples cannot remain together.

Suggested audience: Older teens 16+ / adults

Ask afterward: How might a shelter's requirements affect someone deciding whether a bed is suitable?

[Watch on Invisible People](#) (the title and link are clickable in the PDF)

Housing: Human Right or Reward? — OrgCode

Why show it: Raises the question of whether safe housing should depend on meeting conditions or be a foundation for stability.

Suggested audience: Adults / service clubs

Ask afterward: What obligations do community members believe come with housing and public support?

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Neighborhoods and public responses

Homeless ENCAMPMENT Response 101 — OrgCode

Why show it: Introduces approaches and outcome measures for community responses to outdoor encampments.

Suggested audience: Adults / civic groups

Ask afterward: What would a successful encampment response look like for residents and for people displaced?

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Skid Row Homeless Sweeps Make Homelessness Worse — Invisible People

Why show it: A firsthand reporting perspective on displacement, sweeps, and what happens after a camp is cleared.

Suggested audience: Adults / older teens 16+

Ask afterward: What happens to people and belongings when an encampment is cleared? How should outcomes be measured?

[Watch on Invisible People](#) (the title and link are clickable in the PDF)

Don't Want Homelessness Services in Your Backyard? Front yard it is. — OrgCode

Why show it: Examines neighborhood objections and how community concerns may be discussed constructively.

Suggested audience: Adults / neighborhood groups

Ask afterward: What specific neighborhood concerns can be addressed while maintaining dignity?

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Kim: From Freezing in a Tent to the Safety of a Home — Invisible People

Why show it: A story of moving from a tent toward stable housing, useful for discussing what meaningful progress looks like.

Suggested audience: Older teens / adults

Ask afterward: How might we measure progress beyond the number of camps cleared?

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Facilitator note

People in the group may have experienced housing instability. Do not require personal disclosures, role-play someone else's hardship, or push anyone to watch upsetting footage. Guest speakers determine what they share. Check whether the publisher allows the intended public screening.

Recommended Resources ... Not Required

These materials reflect a "shelter first" and lowest-barrier approach. They are recommended, not required; groups choosing not to use them are still encouraged to participate. Awareness doesn't take sides ... all voices and perspectives are encouraged. However, Campout for Compassion will not provide or recommend "treatment first" materials.