# Title: Homelessness St Basils in Birmingham – Christianity

**Key Questions:**

What examples of generosity can we think of? How do followers of T\* share and show generosity? Why should I share with others? How can I show generosity to others? When is it wise not to be generous to others? What are appropriate ways of sharing and being generous? What are our hopes for the future? What changes would we like to see in our lives or in the world? How do followers of T\* express their hopefulness? How have followers of T\* changed the world by being visionary? What can I do to improve my own life and society? What big plans do I need to make a better future? Is it sometimes important to be practical rather than dream about future changes? Would it be wiser to focus on day-to-day life rather than big changes?

**Key Concepts:** The place of mission, the role of the church in the community and living practices

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| Explore how Christians in Birmingham support the homeless. Consider how do we respond to homelessness & others in need? | There are a variety of videos that could be reflected upon as a starter. Mind map the concept of ‘homelessness’, focusing on students to consider the reasons why some people are homeless. See, Think, Wonder C:\Users\f.asha\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\37A9FFD6.tmpPoverty is one of the causes of homelessness. Households surviving on a low income are often less able to protect their home if there is a family crisis such as a separation, bereavement or unemployment.Group work task based on key questions to stretch and challenge students. 1. Who does the issues surrounding homelessness affect in society? 2. How could homelessness be tackled, effectively? Students to come up with solutions and ideas in groups before presenting them to the class.Students to consider how Christians have responded to this issue through the example of St Basils in Birmingham or Churches Together in Birmingham. Although you may wish to use another example from your own locality. 1. What does this charity do? 2. What motivates this charity? 3. How does this charity reflect its Christians roots? 4. What difference does it make? Students could be encouraged to make links to the practices of Christians in terms of charity & caring for the members of its community. They could even look at how monasteries/churches support those in need. | A video Refugees in Birmingham will have downloaded into the same folder as this lesson plan.KS4\_06\_01\_06\_VIDEO\_Refugees\_In\_Birmingham\_v1Other videos could be used as a starter: Cardboard Stories Homeless in Orlando. **Cardboard Stories | Homeless in Orlando**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THxtcWNw3QA> St Basils website: [www.stbasils.org.uk](http://www.stbasils.org.uk) Specific examples may be found here: <http://www.stbasils.org.uk/how-we-help/#a-history-of-st-basils> Birmingham Churches Together Night Shelter: <http://www.bhamchurchesnightshelter.org.uk/>  |