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An ALL-PRESBYTERY Book Read.

Evicted, by Matthew Desmond.

Join others in the presbytery as we read and discuss this powerful book about the lives of eight families in Milwaukee, some black and some white, all several leagues below the poverty line. Poverty in America has become a lucrative business, with appalling results: “No moral code or ethical principle,” he writes, “no piece of scripture or holy teaching, can be summoned to defend what we have allowed our country to become.”

Matthew Desmond, a sociologist at Harvard, follows the lives of landlords and tenants in some of Milwaukee’s poorest neighborhoods. Desmond spent time living in a trailer park where residents were threatened with a mass eviction, and in a rooming house on Milwaukee’s North side. For more than a year, he shadowed two landlords and several tenants to capture intimate portraits of the circumstances, court hearings, and personal challenges that lead up to, and followed, the eviction process. He diligently took notes on the lives of people who pay 70 to 80 percent of their incomes for homes that, objectively speaking, are unfit for human habitation.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Copies of *Evicted* are available at libraries, and for sale at area bookstores and online. If you are interested in participating in this "book club" and the discussions to follow, located throughout the presbytery, please click this [email](#) to let the office know your name and location.