

## Chapter 6

# The Unknown World of Media

### Media Reflection: *Places in the Heart*

The 1984 movie *Places in the Heart* (Sally Field, Danny Glover, Ed Harris) is a poignant story of a young widow determined to save her cotton farm in the 1930s. In her fierce struggle to keep the land and her family together, she is helped by some unexpected visitors. This movie continues to be acclaimed as a deeply religious experience.

After you watch *Places in the Heart*, reflect on the following in your journal:

1. What emotions did this movie evoke in you?
2. How do you define “sacramental”?
3. As you were watching the film, were there any moments that you would identify as sacramental? Does the movie give a new meaning to your understanding of sacramental?
4. What parallels do you find between this movie and the stories, parables, or events in the Gospel? Give three examples.