



Fall 2025 Koinonia Groups

Week Four

Key verse: Romans 15:7: Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Check in. Set a timer on phone to keep it brief.

Opening Prayer by week's facilitator.

Watch Video. Link at <https://fpcasheville.org/group-resources/>

Please note that this week is an edited version of the class that Dr. Amy Oden taught in Faith & Formation on September 14. Dr. Oden was one of Shannon's professors in seminary and is a well-known speaker and writer on *God's Welcome*. There are only a few people who are doing Koinonia Groups who were at that class, so I think worth including in the small groups. This video is a bit longer and her discussion questions have a different break up than the other videos.

Discuss Questions.

Opening Question before seeing video:

- Tell about a time you welcomed someone truly different from you (different language, nationality, race, political part)
- What was easy about it? What was hard about it?

Watch first section of video.

Second set of discussion questions:

- What risks have you taken as a community?
- What risks/disruptions do you sense God inviting you to consider?

Watch second section of video.

Share one or two things that you plan to take from this conversation.

Prayer requests for week if didn't do in beginning.

Close (On time!) in prayer.