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DISABILITY AND THE CHURCH – AN ONLINE STUDY

October 13 – November 17 — Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (EST)

Description: The church has not always welcomed people with physical or intellectual disabilities or valued their gifts and contributions. This study will explore why that has been so, how we can relate to and include those with disabilities, and how disability should be understood from a Christian point of view. We all belong together as those who are united in the Body of Christ, and we want to understand what it means to live as that Body more intentionally and faithfully.

Study Leader Dr. Keith Dow, Manager of Organizational and Spiritual Life with Christian Horizons, and author of *Formed Together: Mystery, Narrative, and Virtue in Christian*

STUDY OUTLINE

October 13 — *What is disability? What is ableism?*

Guests: Jasmine Duckworth, Chantal Huinink

Recommended Resources:

Demystifying Disability (Emily Ladeau)
Disability and the Church (Lamar Hardwick)
My Body is Not a Prayer Request (Amy Kenny)

October 20 — *The Disabled God?! Provocation and Disruption*

Guests: Karen Pitt

Recommended Resources:

The Disabled God (Nancy Eisland)
Vulnerable communion (Thomas E. Reynolds)

October 27m — *Care and Churches – _Every Body Matters*

Guest: Chantal Huinink

Recommended Resources:

Formed Together: Mystery, Narrative and Virtue in Christian Caregiving (Keith Dow)
Courage for Caregivers (Marjorie Thompson)

November 3 — When “healing” isn’t Helping

Guests: Matthew Arguin

Recommended Resources:

Disability and the Way of Jesus (Bethany McKinney Fox)

November 10 — Baptism, Belief and Belonging: Knowing Jesus and being Known

Guests: Helen and Ashley, Stephen J. Bedard

Recommended Resources:

Becoming the Baptized Body (Jean Barton)

Dementia: Living in the Memories of God (John Swinton)

November 17 — *Kingdom Coming - Where do we go from here?*

Guests: Mike Walker, Jasmine Duckworth

Recommended Resources:

Everybody Belongs: Serving Together (<http://everybody-belongs.com>)

Becoming Friends of Time (John Swinton)