



"Freedom from Exclusion" Erin Burluson, October 15, 2023
Ephesians 2:11-22

Connect with each other in joy and concern

As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.

Discussion Questions

- When have you experienced welcome? How have you known pain from being pushed out of community?
- In what area of your life are you most tempted to put qualifiers for connection with others? What are the qualifications?
- Having an enemy assures us of our identity; Who or what are you tempted to say doesn't belong in the faith community? How has that tendency been of benefit to you?
- In what ways do we exclude, blame, or scapegoat others?
- What fruit might you focus on (instead of faults) to further a shared life centered in welcome instead of worth?
- How might you engage with the "saints of old" (aka the church of the past)?
- Who can you interact with to grow your understanding and appreciation of the larger community of faith?

Closing Prayer

