

**ST. ANDREW'S  
BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DESTIN, FLORIDA**

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**ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

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**Winter-Spring 2021**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

February 3 – June 9

**February 3    The Old Testament in 30 Minutes**

**February 10    The New Testament in 30 Minutes**

The Bible has been called the greatest story ever told. Yet, we are so used to reading and studying particular books, passages, excerpts, and extracts from the Bible, we often can fail to see its narrative strength and integrity. This walk through the entire Bible also is a great introduction to the scope and breadth of the Bible and its contents. Count on a surprise or two along the way.

*Format: We will gather on Zoom for the 30-minute presentation of the Old or New Testament, followed by a moderated discussion session with Jim+. The Old and New Testament presentations also will be posted on the St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Facebook page. All you need is internet access. The link to the Zoom session will be sent out before each session. Be sure the church office has your email address.*

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**February 17    Ash Wednesday – No session**

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**February 24 – March 24        Jesus' Last Week**

Drawing primarily from the Gospel according to Mark, this series walks with Jesus day-by-day during the last week of his life. Participants should be prepared to read the assigned chapters of Mark each week.

**February 24    Mark 11:1-11 (Sunday)**

**March 3        Mark 11: 12- 13:37 (Monday and Tuesday)**

**March 10        Mark 14:1-11 (Wednesday)**

**March 17        Mark 14:12 – 65 (Thursday)**

**March 24        Mark 15 (Friday)**

*Format: We will gather on Zoom to read the pertinent text from the Gospel according to Mark, followed by a brief introduction and moderated discussion session with Jim+. The introductory remarks also will be posted on the St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Facebook page. All you need is internet access. The link to the Zoom session will be sent out before each session. Be sure the church office has your email address.*

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**April 7 – June 9    Book Study: *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them***

Based on the book by Liz Curtis Higgs, this is an opportunity to learn what not to do from insightful and humorous telling of the stories of the likes of Eve, Bathsheba, and Herodias. Jo+ will moderate this study of 10 bad girls of the Bible. Participants should be prepared to read the assigned chapters of the book each week. Registration is required to allow for timely ordering of copies of the book. Please, contact Jo+ or Karen in the office to register.

*Format: Chapters will be covered on a weekly basis. On Wednesday evenings, we will gather on Zoom for a moderated discussion session with Jo+. All you need is internet access. The link to the Zoom session will be sent out before each session. Be sure the church office has your email address.*

## **What's Next?**

The Christian education and spiritual formation of a parish is a canonical obligation of the clergy. And our rectors very much look forward to undertaking this role at St. Andrew's By-the-Sea. In our Episcopal ethos, our understanding of God and creation is based on Scripture, tradition, and reason. We are not rigid or judgmental. We do not dictate your faith. We value questions and diversity of viewpoints and do not expect you to leave your mind at the door.

Our lives are spiritual journeys as we seek to know God better and integrate God's presence into our lives. Here are several possibilities for summer and beyond. Let us know what you would find most helpful on your journey.

**Book Study:** *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women Loved by a Flawless God*, also by Liz Curtis Higgs, takes a look at mostly good yet slightly bad women in Holy Scripture.

**The Ten Commandments: Then and Now:** We will consider what the Commandments meant when Moses came down the mountain and how they apply thousands of years later.

**The New Testament in Its World: An Introduction to the History, Literature, and Theology of the First Christians** This video series features renowned New Testament scholar and bishop N.T. Wright and Dean Michael Bird of Ridley College in Melbourne, who take us back to the first century and offer a distinctive, academically-sound in-depth perspective on the New Testament.

*Wherever we gather, Christ is in the midst of us!*

*Bring a friend – life is too big to walk alone!*