

Traveling Home

Basic Episcopal Christian Formation Course, 2022

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This course will help you engage questions of faith from a Christian perspective in the Anglican tradition. It also will provide you with opportunities to form relationships with fellow explorers on the same journey. Because we form a community of fellow spiritual travelers during this course, we ask you to commit to being part of all the sessions. Of course, we also understand life happens and it may be the case that you miss a session.

Required written resources:

- 1. A Bible Any version is fine, but some versions are more difficult to read and understand than others. For example, while the King James translation is one of the most beautiful pieces of English literature, it may be difficult for us to understand. Two translation choices are recommended the *New Revised Standard Version* (NRSV), the translation we use in the readings at mass, and the primary translation used in the Episcopal Church, or the *Common English Bible* (CEB), a recent translation aimed at conveying a clearer meaning in everyday language.
- 2. *Traveling Home: Tracking Your Way Through the Spiritual Wilderness, (TH)* by Fr. Mark Kowalewski. This book from Church Publishing, Emerged from the basic Formation class. It is available for purchase on line or directly from Fr. Mark.

Class Sessions and Other Events:

Attend class sessions Saturday Mornings, 10:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE. There will be no class session on Saturday February 26, but we will have our first gathering as a group on Sunday the 27th at the 10:00 mass.

Attend the 10:00 a.m. mass weekly starting the week before Lent, through the end of the program (February 27- April 16).

Attend the services of Holy Week, especially Maundy Thursday. AND the Great Vigil of Easter -- the culmination of our class!

Weekly Class Format:

What you want to know about the Episcopal Church (10-15 min.) Discussion of weekly topic and readings (1 hour)

2022 Schedule:

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
February 5	Introduction – The existence	
-	of God in a secular age	
February 12	A Creator who has a dream	TH, ch. 1-2
		Genesis 1-2
February 19	Wandering – the reality of	TH, ch. 3
	human sin	Genesis ch. 3-4:16
February 26	NO SESSION	
March 5	God's search – The people of	TH ch. 4
	Israel	Genesis 15, Exodus 20:1-21
March 12	Jesus' journey	TH ch. 5
		Mark ch. 1-8
March 19	Belief in the Risen Lord	TH ch. 6
		Mark ch.9-16
March 26	Following Jesus	TH ch. 7
		John 3:1-22; John 4:1-42
April 2	The Anglican way of being a	TH 8
	Jesus follower Part 1	Baptismal Questions and
		Covenant, Book of Common
		Prayer, pp.302-305
April 9	The Anglican way of being a	TH ch. 9-10
	Jesus follower Part 2	
HOLY WEEK	PLEASE ATTEND THE	
April 10-April 17	SPECIAL SERVICES THIS	
	WEEK especially, Maundy	
	Thursday at 7:00 pm (April	
	14) Formation group has a	
	special role in the liturgy	
	And MOST IMPORTANTLY	
	The Great Vigil of Easter	
	April 16 at 8:00 pm with	
	Bishop Taylor	