

# Educating the Saints

Dear friends and neighbors,

The Episcopal churches of Virginia Beach are at it again... working together to help us all grow in Spirit and Truth as we grow in knowledge of God's Word. For seven weeks starting the week of September 21, we are offering weekly teachings and discussion on "Tough Passages in the Bible." Each Tuesday one of our clergy will release a 15 minute teaching video on YouTube. Every Thursday that same person will hold two open ZOOM discussions, one at 11:00am and one at 7:00pm, each is planned for 45-60 minutes. This will give time for people who watch the videos on Tuesday to ask questions, offer other perspectives, and for everyone to grow closer to God with deeper knowledge and stronger community.

We used this same format with great response in the Spring focused on the Psalms. Each parish will have the information available for the week by Tuesday morning, including the links for the YouTube and ZOOM sessions. If you have trouble finding the ZOOM link go to that week's video on the YouTube page and we will have it posted there. All videos will be available on a new YouTube page "[Episcopal Churches of Virginia Beach](#)" which you can bookmark today.

This series is open to anyone and we hope you will participate and invite others. The schedule and passages being discussed are as follows.

| Week  | Teacher   | Scripture       | Description  |
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| 9/22  | Andrew Buchanan, Galilee Episcopal Church             | Matthew 5:18-20 | "Not one letter shall pass away"                               |
| 9/29  | Fred Poteet, Old Donation Episcopal Church            | Luke 18:9-14    | "The Pharisee and the Publican"                                |
| 10/6  | Bob Randall, Old Donation Episcopal Church            | Genesis 22:1-14 | "The binding (sacrifice) of Isaac" (What kind of God is this?) |
| 10/13 | Ashley Urquidi, Old Donation Episcopal Church         | Romans 13       | "God and the government"                                       |
| 10/20 | Mario Melendez, Holy Apostles Episcopal Church        | John 10:34      | "Are we gods?"   |
| 10/27 | Cameron Randle, Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church | Matthew 16:18   | "What's in a name?"  |
| 11/3  | Mimi Lacy, Emmanuel Episcopal Church                  | Luke 1-2        | "The births of John the Baptist and Jesus"                     |