

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

So why are metaphors so powerful?

In their simplest form, metaphors compare two concepts that at first seem unrelated:

All the world's a stage

Love is a battlefield

Life is like a box of chocolates

But look closer and you'll see that each of these takes an abstract, hard to understand idea (the world, love, life) and compares it to a simple, concrete, well-understood idea (the stage, a battlefield, a box of candy). Now not all metaphors do this (e.g., "The basement was a dark cave" simply combines two concrete concepts). But the best ones connect something that is less understood with something that is more understood. As a result, good metaphors help the reader understand something they otherwise might have not.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-social-thinker/201711/why-metaphors-are-important>

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SUNDAY MORNING

TR'S

A Weekly Bible Study



An adult Education offering of St. George's Episcopal Church based on the "Theological Reflection" method taught and modeled in the EFM—Education for Ministry Class.

Why “TR”?

TR is Theological Reflection

Program schedule & Outline SUNDAY MORNINGS

10:30 – 11:15 AM
Meets in the Library

“Whether you are just starting out or bring a great deal of experience and background in studying the Bible you will welcome this study of what the Bible has to say today.

All adults are invited to attend this program, whether this is your first class or 50th class.

Participants are encouraged to bring their Bible for this class, however Bibles are always available.

Note: You do not have to have taken EFM in order to participate and benefit from this class, all that is needed is an interest in exploring how the Scriptures are speaking to us today.

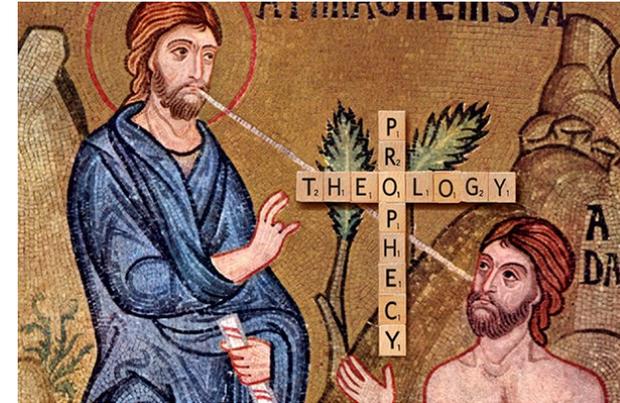
St. George’s is pleased to offer this practical and engaging class where you learn about the Bible through the modern and ancient practice of metaphor to examine the Lectionary Readings (typically the Gospel) using the following Four Lenses—

Creation—What is the world like?
What happens, what is the status quo?

Sin—What causes brokenness to enter this world?

Judgment—What brings you up short, surprises you, about this world? What consequences of brokenness are experienced?

Repentance/Redemption—What signals a change of heart, or a more positive direction, in this world? What is cause for celebration?



Lead Facilitator: Randy Demler

Randy is a trained Group Facilitator with over 8 years of experience as an EFM Mentor.

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