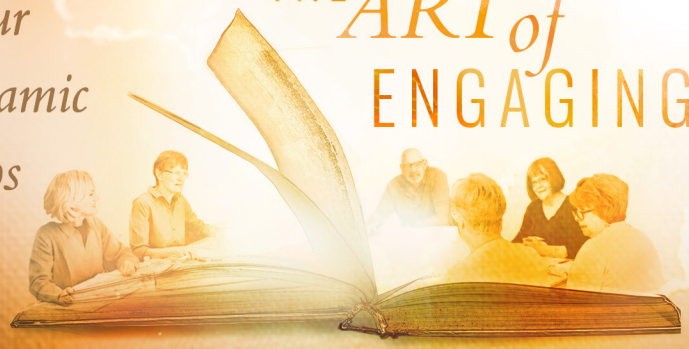
Transform your Parish with Dynamic Small Groups

THE *ART of* ENGAGING HOLY SCRIPTURE



Facilitator Training Lead by The Rev. Jim Clark

Three Day Workshop • October 29, 30, 31 • 9:30am–4:30pm

All Saints Episcopal Church | 6300 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

The ART of Engaging Holy Scripture or T*A*EHS *(rhymes with 'days')* is not a usual Bible study, rather a prayerful *method* of engaging the Scriptures and a dynamic small group *process*. This method and process guide participants through a curriculum that gently opens them to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, in themselves, and in the other members of their group.

THIS FACILITATOR TRAINING:

• **Immerses** participants in the method of T*A*EHS and prepares them for a lifelong practice.

• **Imparts** the perspective of a profoundly safe small group formation environment and the skills for creating, sustaining, and nurturing this environment.

• **Trains Facilitators.** Facilitators facilitate. They are not teachers. The Scriptures and the Holy Spirit are the teachers. The training mentors the facilitators in this deep value so that all T*A*EHS participants are freed and empowered to develop their own relationship with the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. The method of engaging, the small group process, and the curriculum are grounded in the belief that Holy Scripture is for everyone wherever one is on their faith journey and however much one may or may not know about the Bible.

• **Provides Curriculum.** All participants in the training receive a year of T*A*EHS curriculum and a facilitator's handbook. The curriculum includes reading and study, conversational and silent prayer, and group sharing.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

We encourage clergy and parish leaders to attend and to invite members who can partner with them in mentoring *(discipling)* the parish.

HOW MANY PER PARISH?

Each parish is encouraged to bring a group of potential facilitators consistent with the size of their congregation.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Notebook with a facilitator's manual and one year of curriculum. Lunch is provided. Please plan for one hour of study after training each day.

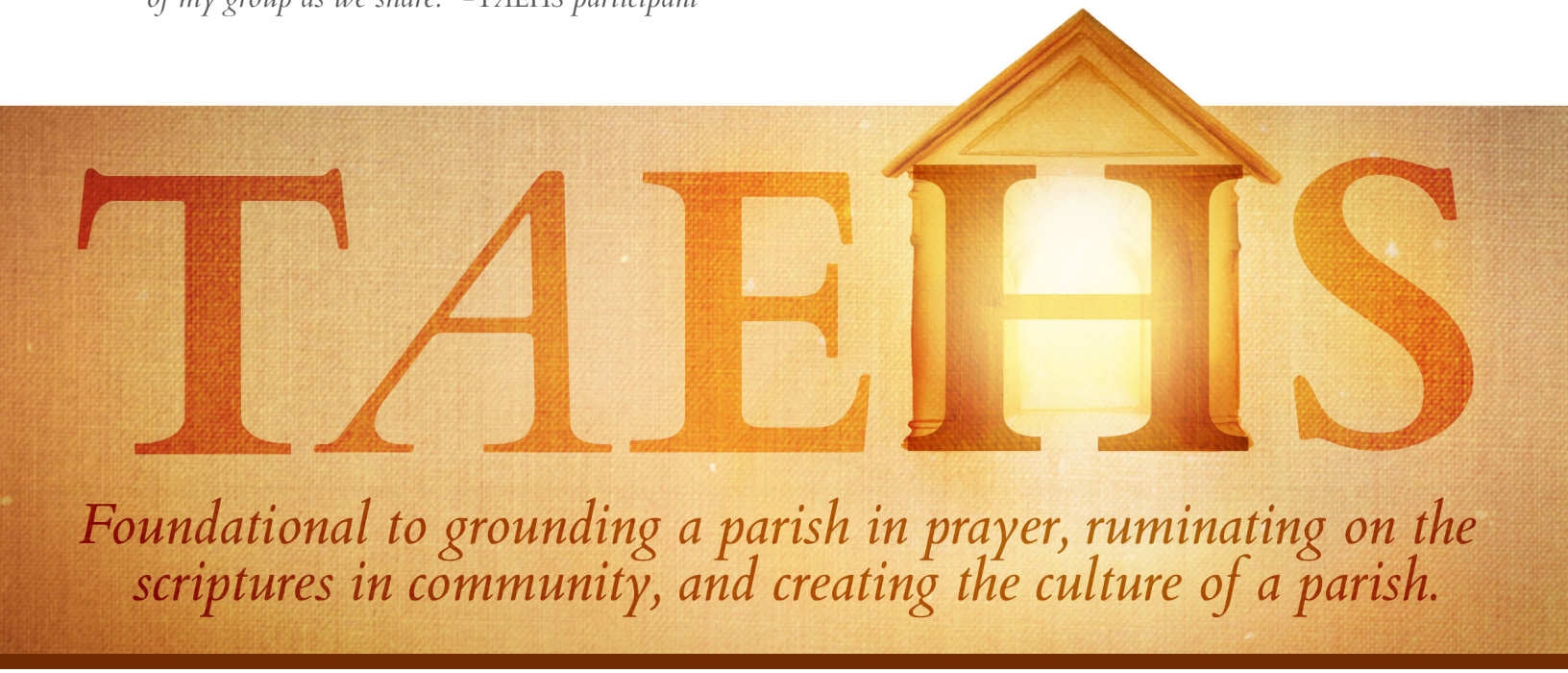
Upon completing the training, we advise parish clergy and leaders to convene a weekly facilitators group. This will provide a safe place for facilitators to refine their skills and receive ongoing mentoring from their parish clergy and leadership. If there are not enough facilitators within a parish to form a small group, we will explore providing a zoom group of multiple parishes.

Workshop Leaders are available for consultation in the weeks and months following the training.

FEE: $275 per participant. Groups of three or more, $225 per participant. Scholarships are available upon request.

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 21: [*Link*] For questions, contact The Rev. Daniel Collier at *dcollier@allsaintsoncentral.org* or call the church office at *602.279.5539.*

"I see the Bible in a different way than I had before. I love how my group shows me different ways to experience Jesus' words along with my own. I sit with the words now where I just read them before, and often discover the possibility of totally new meanings. Often it is exciting, sometimes overwhelmingly moving, sometimes educational, and always a humbling gift. TAEHS *makes me feel closer to God as well as closer to the members of my group as we share."* –TAEHS *participant*



"Just reading the Bible I never got much out of it except from a historical perspective, but now I feel it is my story. It is particularly revealing that God speaks to each of us right where we are – thus many different answers from individuals. I have grown in an awareness of God's love for us more than I ever knew before." –TAEHS *participant*