



ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

2018 Lenten Reading Groups

Similar to last year, we are offering six options for Lenten reading to be taken up either by individuals or reading groups. This year's selections include (Click on the titles to learn more):

Suggested for Groups

1. [*Exclusion and Embrace*](#) (300 pp) by Miroslav Volf. This won't be a walk through the park but a compelling read, especially as Miroslav will be our guest on Friday and Saturday, March 16 & 17.
2. [*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*](#) (300+ pp) by Matthew Desmond. Beginning in April, *Evicted* will be the focus of an immersive exhibit at the National Building Museum and readers will be invited to tour the show and meet with the show's curator, Sarah Levitt. The *Evicted* website includes a Faith-based study guide.
3. [*Letters and Papers from Prison*](#) (417 pp.) by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. As a companion to *Letters and Papers*, readers may also be interested in Martin E. Marty's *Letters and Papers from Prison: A Biography*. In it Marty traces the history of the book, how it came to being and how it was interpreted or appropriated in different ways by groups such as Evangelicals, liberal Protestants, Catholics and Socialists.

Suggested for Individuals:

4. [*Hanging by a Thread*](#) (72 pp.) by Samuel Wells.
5. [*Why Suffering*](#) (50 pp) by Ian Markham.

For both Individuals and Groups:

6. [*The Good Book Club*](#): Reading the Gospel of Luke and Acts through Lent and Easter. <http://www.goodbookclub.org/>

How do the Reading Groups work?

The way the reading groups work is determined by the readers themselves. After choosing the book you'd like to read, e-mail The Rev'd. Jim Quigley jimq@stalbandsdc.org indicating the book you are reading/group you'd like to join. Ideal sizes for the reading groups are a 3-6 members. One or more participants from each group will act as the facilitator for their group and members can decide together how they'd like their group to work.

Books will be available for sale at church during Sunday services beginning Sunday, February 18 and during church office hours for the remainder of Lent.