

WHAT DID EMILY LEARN?

Like many of you, I am quite unfamiliar with the Anglican Church. These summaries are simply me sharing what I learned from reading these books. They're not written by someone who can vouch for the ACNA or the C4SO, but simply someone who's learning, so my hope is that they can help you in this discernment process to choose what reading will be most helpful to you!

When I picked up this book, I didn't realize that it was Bishop Todd Hunter's actual story of how he came to the Anglican Church. *The Accidental Anglican* is a pretty true testament to how he became Anglican, and because he kind of stumbled into it, I think that his story could be similar to our story. I didn't know that Brad was already an Anglican priest when I started coming to Horizon, I started using the Book of Common Prayer before I knew it was "Anglican", I attended noonday prayer simply because I thought it was a good break in my day to re-center and re-commit my day to Jesus. Like me, you might feel like an *Accidental Anglican* in one way or another.

Bishop Todd's story is a story of God clearly leading him towards something new, but also something oddly the same that he was trying to escape. He came from the Vineyard, he was a church planter, and he found the Anglican Church through a church plant. Ultimately, I found his story to be a story of realizing that Anglicanism isn't as "Orthodox" or as "Catholic" as we might tend to think it is. But just like Bishop

Todd found out, there were things that are the same, things that made him feel comfortable. Anglicans do emphasize evangelism, and as a church planter that was a place of comfort for him. If you come from a non-denominational evangelical tradition (like me!), you might notice that the Anglican tradition holds scripture highly, and that might be something that is comfortable to you.

- Emily

