



**August 9, 2018**

**Brothers and Sisters,**

It is a privilege to be your pastor. My family and I are home. It's with an abiding sense of joy that I worship with you, serve alongside you, and enjoy the sweet fellowship of a true community of faith.

One of my central tenants of ministry is the axiom "Christ is the Head of the Church" (Col 1:18). I am convinced that as we keep our eyes upon Jesus, we will be led by the Great Shepherd of the Sheep to greener pastures institutionally, deeper waters in our discipleship, and more focused community engagement missionally.

One of the ways we want to facilitate a deeper connection to both our community of faith and our common purpose in mission is through **Discover Trinity**. Discover Trinity is a three-pronged approach to facilitate a deeper connection with our church family and its mission. **Discover Trinity 101: Newcomers Seminar** is for new or newish people to Trinity who wish to take the next step and become members (what we call "Covenant Partners") of Trinity Wellsprings Church. **Discover Trinity 201: Spiritual Formation & Unique Personality** will help connect your Myers-Briggs personality type to how you are specifically wired to connect with God and grow spiritually. **Discover Trinity 301: Shaped for Service: Serving in your Passion** will help you launch into ministry and find ways to serve our church family and/or our community in life-giving ways.

In launching the TWC Institute of Discipleship, our leadership hopes to take our community of faith into deeper waters of discipleship. We are blessed with an abundance of teaching gifts at Trinity, and I want to release these gifts for the *deepening of our discipleship* by offering both "meat and potato" classes in Bible and Theology and by tackling "practical Christian life" issues that will engage the felt needs of our church family and appeal to our neighbors. Thus, you are invited to reach out to friends and neighbors with such classes as "Grief Share" or "Enjoying a Healthy Marriage: How to Get It, How to Keep It" or "Financial Peace University". Our friends and neighbors are desperately looking for practical help for pressing needs in their lives, and the TWC Institute of Discipleship wants to meet those needs.

Yet, we will not forget or neglect the "meat and potato" classes which engage the mind, penetrate the heart, and enlarge the soul. We want to be people who plumb the depth of the Bible (there is yet so much to explore!) rather than simply skim the surface. We want to understand how a theology of the Trinity impacts our relationships, how the Beauty of Christ informs our worship, and how the dynamic nature of the Old Testament still deepens our everyday Christian lives. Thus, you will find a team-taught class on "Exploring God, from Creation to Christ" featuring three different seminary-trained pastors! That's the kind of depth that will characterize the TWC Institute of Discipleship.

So jump in, get engaged, and be blessed! I bet you'll be glad that you did.

**Thankful to be with you in this journey of discipleship,**

**Pastor Jason Carter**

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# TWC INSTITUTE OF DISCIPLESHIP

## Fall-Spring 2018-2019 Schedule: Sundays

### AUGUST 19 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

**9:00 am Exploring God, From Creation to Christ | Leaders: Rev. Tom Mayo, Rev. Steve Schantz, Rev. Juliann Whipple** Understand the Old Testament's themes, theology, and trajectory. Get answers to puzzling stories and histories. What's with all the horrific wars and mystifying commandments? How does God's rescue plan for humanity begin? Was Jonah really swallowed by a whale? Learn how the wisdom of the Old Testament applies to our life of faith today. (Seminar Room)

**10:30 am Enjoying a Healthy Marriage: How to Get It, How to Keep It | Leader: Rob Groff** The Indestructible Marriage! Unbreakable... permanent... enduring... Do these words describe your marriage relationship? They can. God has given you and your spouse the gifts to safeguard your marriage and abound in joy, intimacy, security and pleasure. (Oasis Media Center)

### OCTOBER 7 – NOVEMBER 18, 2018

**9:00 am Apologetics: Hard Questions of the Faith | Leader: Richard Webster** "We can't avoid reasoning; we can only avoid doing it well." This is your opportunity to tackle tough questions of the faith so you can become a sage witness in a contentious age. Come and increase your capacity to think about the cultural questions of our day in a wise and gracious manner. (Seminar Room)

**10:30 am Tools for the Task | Leader: Rev. Tom Mayo** What does it mean to "always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that is in you" (1Peter 3:15)? How do we respond to not-yet believers who want to know more about Christ? How can we be prepared? In just seven weeks, you will receive the tools you need to share the gospel and provide gracious answers to questions about your journey of faith. God calls us to be ambassadors of reconciliation. Come get equipped! (Seminar Room)

### JANUARY 13 – MARCH 10, 2019

**9:00 am Becoming a Great Commission Christian | Leader: Rev. Tom Mayo** What is the "Great Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20) and what makes it "great"? How is God working in the world today? Can the Great Commission really impact my life here in Brevard County or is it only for ministry professionals and overseas missionaries? How should a local church member think about the global purposes of God? Come explore answers to these questions for our own lives individually and corporately for TWC. (Seminar Room)

**10:30 am Financial Peace University: Building a Firm Financial Foundation | Leader: Adam Sands** Relieve stress and resolve friction by getting your financial life in order! Finally, you'll get the start you've needed to build and maintain your financial security. Use Biblical principles that provide and promote good spending, saving, giving, and investing habits. (Seminar Room)

### MARCH 17 – MAY 5, 2019

**9:00 am The Simple Beauty of Christ | Leaders: Team Taught** Have you developed a theology of Christ that is so robustly life-giving, it leads you to awe-struck worship? Do you want to go deeper in your experience with Jesus? Come learn common ways of thinking through the cross of Christ; why the sin problem of the heart is humanity's biggest problem; what is "original sin." Explore a deeper theology that makes a huge difference in your life as you follow Christ. (Seminar Room)

**10:30 am Raising Fantastic Children | Leader: Rob Groff** Learn to raise responsible, motivated children—and find out how to handle them when they're not. Are you to be a helicopter parent, a tiger mom, a Disneyland dad? What is the balance between authoritative and permissive? Here's help for every parent! (Oasis Media Center)