

Dear Jesus Follower,

I'm so glad you've decided to take this step toward rooting yourself in Christ and growing in love for God, the world and one another.

Mark Twain said "Christianity is a great religion, it's too bad nobody actually practices it". My hope for all of us is that we prove Mark Twain wrong!

You're taking a courageous step toward putting our faith into practice. In his letter to the early church, James wrote "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." As disciples of Jesus Christ, we want to live fully into the abundant life Jesus intended for us.

At Trinity Church we have a simple model of this abundant life. It's reflected in the shape of our Trinity logo. At the center of our faith and life is Worship. Community, Discipleship, and Mission are the outflow of the three movements of worship

1. Gather in God's Presence
2. God reveals in His Word
3. Our Response to God Presence and Word

Word

Worship has three parts or three movements which correspond to how we practice our faith.



Worship Movement	Faith Practice
Gather in God's Presence	Community
God's Word Revealed	Discipleship
Response	Mission

Each of these four practices – Worship, Discipleship, Community, and Mission, has a treasure of riches for every follower of Jesus. We each have the opportunity to grow into what God has for us. In order live fully into the good things God has for us, we need to participate by taking "next steps" of growth. Here's an overview of some of the steps you may be taking:

## Worship

We anticipate disciples will move from

- Worship as a formal, religious obligation to a powerful encounter with the real Presence of God,
- Worship that's irrelevant to worship through which God reveals Himself and life-and-death truth.
- Worship that has no effect on us to worship that changes us.
- Evaluating worship by what we got out of it to worship that compels us into His mission in this world.



- From an hour on Sunday to a way of life lived continually in the presence of God.

We anticipate worship will find expression through offering sacrifices of finances and time, as well as prayer.

## **Community**

God intends us to be members of a meaningful community, which builds us up and cares for us. Growing disciples move from

- Isolated individuals to members of a family which is one in Christ.
- Lonely and discouraged to encouraged and built up in the body of Christ.
- Superficial and meaningless relationship to spiritually formative friendships.
- Keeping secrets and feeling shame to appropriate confession and accountability.
- Gossiping and talking about people to talking to people with grace and truth.
- Keeping to ourselves to meeting or serving in authentic Christian community.

## **Discipleship**

God intends every disciple to grow up into a unique representation of Jesus Christ. Disciples will move from:

- Not seeing a need to change and defensive to seeing the need for on-going growth and maturing.
- Doing few or no Christian practices to faithfully practicing life-giving Christian disciplines.
- Have little understanding of the Bible to have a clear understanding and belief in the basic message of the Bible.
- Not being sure what the gospel is to knowing the gospel and communicating it to other people.

## **Mission**

Jesus commissioned all his followers to make disciples and continue the ministry he started. Disciples will grow by moving from

- Not really knowing why the church exists to seeing a clear and compelling mission for us.
- A consumer of religious goods and services to being a missionary in our home town.
- Not knowing a personal calling to knowing a personal call, giftedness and participating in specific, tangible expressions of mission.

With Great Anticipation,  
Pastor Randy



## How the Next Step Discipleship Plan Works

This tool is intended to be used in a small group or with a discipleship elder, pastor, or other designated person who will act as a coach for you. This person or group will commit to pray for and serve you as you seek to grow in Christ.

The basic steps are pretty simple:

1. Take the Assessment
2. Meet with your coach. Review and affirm where you are active and growing, and where you have the most need for growth.
3. Together with your coach, plan your own personalized next step(s).
4. Check in at least quarterly with you coach.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 annually.

## Directions for the Survey Portion,

Each element in this survey has three statements. Each statement moves in a progression of growth from left to right. Kind of like this:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
When I was a baby I mostly laid in the crib or sat in the bouncy seat.			As I grew I learned to stand up and could take a few wobbly steps				Now I'm steady on my feet, running around the house, causing all kinds of chaos.		

You're asked to circle where you are on that progression which is most descriptive of where you are today, with 1 being the least growth and 10 being a lot of growth.

Please try to be honest and balanced. There's no point in trying to impress anybody. On the other hand, don't be too critical or falsely modest. Don't think hard or analyze yourself. Your initial response is probably most accurate.

This assessment will be confidential between you and your discipleship coach. Who, if anyone will process this with you will be determined before you take the assessment.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of this Assessment \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Previous Assessments \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for the following person(s) to review this assessment:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to review the results of your assessment with a pastor, elder, or spiritual mentor? Yes -or- Not Yet -or- No

Other Assessments I've taken:

\_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Gifts Inventory                      \_\_\_\_\_ Other?:

\_\_\_\_\_ S.H.A.P.E. inventory                                      List Here:

\_\_\_\_\_ Meijer / Briggs Personality Profile

\_\_\_\_\_ D.I.S.C Test

\_\_\_\_\_ Five Love Languages Survey

## Worship

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I attend public worship once a month or less.			I attend worship once or twice a month.			I attend worship almost every Sunday.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
When I worship, I rarely experience God's presence.			When I worship, I experience God's presence from time to time.			When I worship, I often experience the presence of God.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship has rarely or never influenced me emotionally.			From time to time I've experienced a sense of joy in worship.			I regularly experience great joy in worship.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely or never experience awe, reverence or wonder in worship.			From time to time I've felt a great awe and reverence while worshipping.			God's presence in worship often creates a sense of awe and wonder for me.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I do little or nothing to get ready for worship			I prepare myself for worship on Saturday night, or Sunday morning.			Prayers, scripture, worship music and service are a regular part of my life.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I always evaluate worship by asking "did I like it?" and "what did I get out of it?"			I try to think of worship as a benefit to me but also our response to God's grace.			I believe the purpose of worship is to bless, glorify and please God.			

## Worship

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship rarely gives me new insights into the Bible or how to apply it to my life.			Worship sometimes helps me understand the Bible and how it's message applies.			Worship often helps scripture come alive and inspires me to study and apply it more.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship has no impact on my day-to-day life.			Occasionally, some aspect of worship influences my perspective or lifestyle.			Worship changes me. Connecting with God impacts my relationships, work life, and leisure activities.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I attend worship because I am supposed to.			I attend worship sometimes out of obligation, but also with some anticipation.			Worship is an integral part of my life, which is deeply meaningful.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Giving or tithing is not necessarily part of worship. I give a little when it's convenient.			I understand that tithing is part of worship. I contribute financially, sometimes close to a tithe (10% of my income).			I believe that tithing is God's will, that it helps me as much as it pleases God. I am a committed to giving 10% of my income.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship has not inspired me to serve my community, contribute to a mission, or share my faith in any way.			My participation in worship has at times motivated me to communicate my faith and serve my community.			Experiencing God's grace in worship compels me to love people through out the week by serving and sharing my faith.			

## Worship

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Little or nothing we do in worship shows up in my day-to-day life.			I sometimes read the Bible, listen to or sing worship music, gather with other Christians or serve a ministry as on-going worship though out the week.			Scripture meditation, worship music, Christian community, serving and sharing my faith as expressions of on-going worship are consistently part of my life.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship is strictly for the benefit of Christians.			Worship is for Christians but non-Christians can attend if they want to.			Worship ideally benefits Christians but should be welcoming to non-Christians.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I have little or no understanding of the elements or movements of worship			Some of what we do when we worship makes sense to me.			I understand the elements of worship. It flows and makes sense to me.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship does little or nothing to build relationship with the other people who are there.			I have some sense of a unique relationship with other people who worship with me.			I often experience a spiritual bond with other worshippers.			

## Community

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely or never participate in a Christian oriented small groups or classes.			From time to time I have participated in a small group or class that meets to learn or grow in Christian faith.				Most of the time I'm part of at least one small group or class which builds my faith.		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I have few or no friends who have encouraged me to learn the Bible, live better, or participate in ministry.			I have a couple friends who from time to time influence me to learn and apply the Bible, share my faith, and participate in ministry.				I have close friends who consistently and intentionally influence my Christian growth.		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I have no particular sense of relationship with other people based on common Christian faith.			I've experienced a meaningful connection with other Christians.				I have a deep and meaningful relationship with people because of our common bond in Christ.		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely or never encourage other people in their Christian spiritual growth.			Once in a while I'll help people live their Christian life.				I regularly and intentionally help and encourage people live the Christian life.		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
If I do anything I know is wrong, I keep it to myself			There have been times in my life that I've been able to talk to a close friend about my guilt.				I have at least one close Christian friend to whom I would be willing to and actually do confess any sin.		

## Community

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
If I have a problem with someone, I often talk to other people about that person, and sometimes don't ever talk directly to the person.				When I have a conflict with somebody, I may talk to others, but try to talk directly to that person.			I diligently follow the Biblical guidelines for handling conflict, and almost always start by talking directly to the person first.		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
If anyone, even a close friend, confronts me with something I've done that's not good, I get angry or shut them out.			There have been times I've been willing to let a good friend confront me about something I've done that was wrong.			I have at least one close friend who I've asked to hold me accountable to live my Christian faith, and is free to confront me if I sin.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely or never share a meaningful spiritual experiences with other Christian people.			I have had a few significant and spiritually formative experiences with other Christians.			I regularly participate in retreats, mission trips, ministry groups or other experiences that created a deep bond with fellow Christians.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I have no desire and feel no obligation to help fellow Christians with their financial or materials needs.			From time to time I have helped fellow Christians with a material or financial need.			I regularly help fellow Christians with financial and material needs.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
It's unusual for me to help out a Christian friend on a project.			Once in a while I help fellow Christians do some work which benefits them personally.			I regularly help fellow believers on personal projects.			



## Community

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I feel no particular obligation to contribute time or money to my Church community.			I want to contribute to my Church community so I give time and money when it's available and convenient, and doesn't interfere with other interests.				I have prioritized my life so that I can contribute my time and money to my Church community. It's a blessing for me to give!			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I have rarely if ever received mentoring or coaching for my spiritual life.			I have had occasions when I've been mentored or coached in my spiritual life.				I have regularly benefited from intentional spiritual mentoring or coaching.			

## Discipleship

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I see no need to change or grow, I'm good enough just the way I am.			From time to time I have a desire to mature as a Christian and make an effort to grow.			For me, following Jesus includes a constant process of growth and becoming like Jesus.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely read the Bible on my own.			Once in a while I'll read the Bible outside of worship.			I have a practice of reading the Bible regularly, about 4 to 6 days a week.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
It's unusual for me to listen to Bible teaching on the radio, T.V. or read a book based on the Bible.			Sometimes I'll listen to Bible teaching on the radio, watch a T.V. sermon, or read a book based on the Bible.			I regularly take in Bible teaching through T.V., radio or web, and often read books based on the Bible.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I have little or no understanding of the Bible. It's a jumble of difficult to understand writings.			I have a basic understanding of the major themes, characters and events in the Bible			I have a fairly thorough knowledge of the Bible's content, characters, and themes.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The Bible has had little or no influence on how I view the world, history, and current events.			For me, some parts of how I view life and the world have been shaped by the Bible.			My world-view has been thoroughly informed by the Bible.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
If I agree with something from the Bible, I'll apply it to my life, otherwise I'm free to ignore it.			There have been times when the Bible has challenged me to change my life.			For me the Bible is the final authority about what I believe and how I live.			

## Discipleship

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely pray, except when I'm in trouble or really need something from God.			I pray from time to time outside of corporate worship.			I pray often, find myself listening to and responding to God regularly.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
My prayers are made up mostly of what I want from God.			When I pray, I ask God for what I want, but also thank God for what I've received.			My prayers include listening to God, praise, and request for myself and for other people.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
It's pretty unusual for me to pray with other people.			Sometimes I'll pray with other people, but I feel self-conscious.			I often pray with other people, and enjoy communicating with God along with other people.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I pray to God for guidance when I'm in a major crisis.			If I have a major decision, I pray for guidance.			I prayerfully seek God's guidance as a way of life.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I struggle with guilt, and feel stuck doing things I know are wrong.			I've had the experience of being freed from sin, although I still get caught up in doing things I know are wrong.			When I sin, I confess to God and/or a close friend, receive forgiveness, and keep a clear conscience.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I haven't paid much attention to my personal Christian / spiritual growth.			I can identify a few formative Christian experiences in my life, and the difference those experiences have made.			God has been at work in my life, and I can describe many experiences through which God has shaped me.			

## Discipleship

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I'm not really sure about eternal life, or how Jesus connects to my life.			I have a basic understanding of the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and how that applies to me.			The gospel of Jesus is foundational to my life, and has given me complete confidence about my own eternal life.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I don't really have any particular time in my life when I received Jesus as my savior or affirmed my faith in Jesus.			I was saved or confirmed my faith at one point in my life, but haven't thoroughly understood or experienced what that means.			God's gift of salvation through faith in Jesus is central to my life. I can identify a time when I was saved or professed my faith.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I do little or nothing to intentionally build my relationship with God.			Once in a while I'll try a spiritual growth practice like praying, meditating, Scripture study or fasting			I regularly engage in practices like Biblical meditation, solitude, fasting, or service to build my relationship with God.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I prefer to keep my Christian and spiritual life private. Few people influence my spiritual growth.			There are people who have at times inspired and challenged me to grow as a Christian.			Christian community is consistently a source and context for Christian formation for me.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I believe in Jesus and am working on what it means to get to know Him.			I feel really close to Christ and depend daily on Him for guidance.			My relationship with Jesus is the most important relationship in my life. It guides everything I do.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I'm not really sure what I need to do to experience salvation			I believe God gives us salvation but I'm still not sure what my part in it is.			I believe nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation.			

## Discipleship

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I would have a hard time saying I love God. I might but it's a new experience for me.				I'm growing in a love for God that's becoming an important part of my life.			Love for God is central to my life. I love God more than anything or anybody.		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I love people some of the time when it's not too difficult or helps me and the other person in some way.				Loving people – those I know and even people I don't know is a priority for me.			I often feel and demonstrate love for people I know and people I don't know. This is central to my way of life.		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I'm most interested in how following Jesus can improve my life. I want to experience benefits from my faith.				I'm interested in how God can bless me, but I'm learning that its necessary to make sacrifices to follow Jesus.			I'm willing to risk everything important in my life if that's what it takes to follow Jesus.		

## Mission

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I'm not really sure what the purpose of the church is, and I'm not sure I really want to get involved.			I have a basic understanding of the mission of the church. I'm interested in being a part of it.				The church's commission is very clear to me. I either want to or am participating in fulfilling the great commission.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I have never personally participated in helping another person become a Christian.			There have been a few times when I personally contributed to helping someone become a believer in Jesus Christ.				There have been a number of times during my life that I personally played a key role in helping someone become a Christian.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I may have heard of spiritual gifts, but I'm not sure what they are or what mine are.			I know some of the spiritual gifts and I'm aware of what some of mine are. I'm interested I using them				I know most of the spiritual gifts. I know what my gifts are. I'm putting those gifts to use serving God and people.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I have no idea if my friends and acquaintances are Christians or not.			I have some sense about the personal faith of at least some of my friends.				For at least some of my friend, I have intentionally come to understand whether or not they know and believe in Jesus.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I almost never participate in a ministry or program that helps people become Christians.			I have at times participated in a ministry or program which have resulted in people becoming believers in Jesus Christ.				I regularly or am currently personally involved in a ministry or program which has resulted in people becoming Christians.			

## Mission

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I've heard the word "gospel", but I'm not really sure what it is or what it means.			I know what the gospel is, would be able to explain it fairly well, and actually have to a few people.			I'm able to communicate the gospel in a pretty clear, concise way, and actually have to a number of people.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I try to avoid the topic of religion or spiritual things.			From time to time I'll talk with people about God, eternal life, the purpose of living, who Jesus is, or other spiritually significant things.			When appropriate, I'll often talk with people about spiritual things, and share my own faith and understandings.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely or never do something to meet a need in my local community.			Once in a while I'll serve in a community service ministry.			I'm committed to and regularly participate in a ministry that meets needs in my local community.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
It's pretty unusual for me to give money to support a mission.			From time to time I'll give some money to support a missionary or mission organization.			In addition to my church tithe, I support one or more missions financially.			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I rarely invite other people to church or other activities that might help them experience God.			Once in a while I'll invite someone to worship or an event which will benefit them, expose them to the gospel, or help them experience God.			I make it a regular practice to invite people to worship, events or activities that will expose them to Jesus and God's grace in their life.			

## Mission

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I rarely have compassion for hurting or needy people. Mostly they annoy me.			At times I'll have compassion for people in need. On some occasions I've acted on that compassion.				I regularly sense God's love for people in need. I consistently act out that compassion directly and / or through a ministry.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
My life is too chaotic to help other people. I need help myself!			I have enough order in my life to be able to help people some of the time.				I have intentionally planned my time and money so that I have extra to give.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I have no particular sense of calling purpose or personal mission beyond taking care of myself and my family.			I'm beginning to see that God has a unique purpose and calling for me. I'm excited about developing it.				I have a clear sense of call and personal mission from God. I'm passionate about it and engaged in it.			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
I have little or no awareness about missionaries sent out by the church.			I'm aware of missionaries in other places. I have at times supported them with encouragement or money.				I'm committed to the financial, moral and prayer support of missionaries in other regions or countries.			

## Planning Your Next Steps

One of the gifts God has given us in His church is one another. I strongly encourage you to take your next step with the encouragement and coaching of a small group or a discipleship coach.

Here's a process to follow:

### 1. Review your assessment.

- a. What was your highest category /score? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What was your lowest category / score? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Where did you indicate strengths (8-10 on the scale)?
- d. Where did you indicate need for growth (5-7 on the scale).
- e. Allow your coach or group to clarify and verify your responses. One way is to offer more specific examples.
- f. Did any question raise an emotional response? Satisfaction? A fond memory? A desire for more? Fear? Guilt?
- g. Did you not understand any of the questions? Do you need to clarify what a question means?
- h. Were there specific questions that caught your attention, or impressed you as meaningful to you?

### 2. Create a List of Possible Next Steps

- a. Start with the category with the lowest score.
- b. Identify specific questions within that category which impressed you as most needed or beneficial for you. These are your possible "next steps" of discipleship.
- b. Move to your next lowest scoring category. Do step "b" above for that category.
- c. Move to the next lowest, repeat "b" above and so on.
- d. Write your discipleship step. Maybe there's discipleship step that's not included in the inventory. Write your own next 2 to 5 step growth description and add it to your own personalized assessment.

### 3. Pause and Pray

- a. Pray over your list of possible next steps.
- b. Let the Spirit guide you and convince you which next steps are most important.
- c. Take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Not much longer though or inertia will set in.

### 4. Confirm with you coach or small group.

- a. Share your list of next steps.
- b. Prioritize at least 2 to 5 steps you'd like to focus on during the next 6 to 12 months.

**5. Identify Resources**

The resources list below is only a sampling of the vast resources God has generously provided His people. It includes books, people, websites, video resources, classes, small groups, seminars and hands-on experiences.

- a. Confer with your small group or coach and identify resources that will help you.
- b. Get the resource and make use of it.
- c. Add your own resources to the list. There is much more out there! If you find good resources, please share them with Pastor Randy so others can benefit too.

**6. Make a specific action plan –**

- a. make a specific action plan that will result in actually taking a discipleship step. This plan should be as tangible and even measurable as possible.

Example: Let’s say you responded to this discipleship step with a “3”, but you want to move to an “8”:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I attend public worship once a month or less.			I attend worship once or twice a month.			I attend worship almost every Sunday.			

Your action plan could be: “attend Sunday morning worship at least 3 Sundays a month.”. Keep a log of my attendance.

**7. Share you progress (or lack) with your small group or coach.**

This should be done at least once a quarter. Ideally monthly or even every other week.

**8. Re-Take the Inventory annually.**

- a. Identify and celebrate progress!
- b. Identify new next steps, and create a new plan.

## Next Steps Discipleship Resources

### 1. WORSHIP

#### 1.1 Websites

- 1.1.1 [www.rca.org/Page.aspx?pid=1877](http://www.rca.org/Page.aspx?pid=1877)
- 1.1.2 [markdroberts.com/htmlfiles/resources/soulworship.htm](http://markdroberts.com/htmlfiles/resources/soulworship.htm)
- 1.1.3 [www.northpoint.org/styletest](http://www.northpoint.org/styletest) Worship style survey based on book *Sacred Pathways* by Gary Thomas
- 1.1.4 <http://wholelifeworship.com> - A blog about worship as a lifestyle.

#### 1.2 Books

- 1.2.1 Mart Redman. *The Unquenchable Worshipper*
- 1.2.2 Andy Park. *To Know You More*
- 1.2.3 David Peterson. *Engaging with God*
- 1.2.4 Sally Morgenthaler. *Worship Evangelism*
- 1.2.5 George Barna & others. *Experience God in Worship*
- 1.2.6 Louie Giglio. *The Air I Breathe*.
- 1.2.7 Robert Weber. *Worship Old and New*

#### 1.3 People

- 1.3.1 Pastor Randy
- 1.3.2 Paula DeVos
- 1.3.3 Worship Ministry Team:

#### 1.4 Seminars, Conferences, & Other Experiences

- 1.4.1 Worship @ Trinity Church, every Sunday, 9:30am!
- 1.4.2 Financial Peace University. Usually offered fall semester @ Trinity Church

### 2 DISCIPLESHIP

#### 2.1 Websites

- 2.1.1 [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). The entire Bible in many versions. Passage or keyword lookup. One, two and three year reading plans and much more. Free of charge.
- 2.1.2 [www.ChristianBibleStudies.com](http://www.ChristianBibleStudies.com). Dozens of Bible study guides on books of the Bible and a broad variety of topics.
- 2.1.3 [www.gospelcoalition.org](http://www.gospelcoalition.org).
- 2.1.4 [www.christianleadersinstitute.org](http://www.christianleadersinstitute.org) On-line course for Christian leaders, headquartered right here in Grand Haven!
- 2.1.5 [www.discipleshiptools.org](http://www.discipleshiptools.org) Bibles on line, study resources, discipleship plans. A plethora of resources on one site.
- 2.1.6 [www.youversion.com](http://www.youversion.com). Dozens of Bible reading schedules, commentary, keeps track of daily readings, interactive possibilities with other readers.
- 2.1.7 [www.biblefresh.com](http://www.biblefresh.com). Resources for study, on-line classes, access to Bible teachers and professors.

- 2.1.8 <http://www.jesuits.ca/orientations/intro2lectio.html>. A website which explains the practice of Lectio Divina.
- 2.1.9 <http://connect.ligonier.org/school/catalog/biblical-studies/> An affordable on-line Bible overview course created by R.C. Sproul and Ligonier Ministries.
- 2.1.10 <http://www.bibleoverview.net>. A free on-line Bible overview course.
- 2.1.11 <http://www.christianitytoday.com/moi/> Men of Integrity. Resources to guide men in their faith and to be spiritual leaders of their homes.
- 2.1.12 <http://www.christianleadershipinst.org/>. Christian Leadership Institute. Free on-line courses; Bible surveys, theology, counseling etc. . Students must enroll
- 2.1.13 <http://www.prayerfoundation.org> A website about prayer and worship in the Christian Celtic tradition.

## 2.2 Books

- 2.2.1 The Holy Bible. Hard copy still not obsolete! Many good versions. Pastor Randy recommends NIV and Message. NIV Study Bible is very helpful.
- 2.2.2 Zondervan Handbook to the Bible. After the Bible itself, most useful tool for understanding the Bible. ISBN 13:978-0-310-26271-8. Used available on Amazon.com.
- 2.2.3 The Story. Much of the Bible in a narrative format. Has helped many people understand the "big picture" and story-line of the Bible.
- 2.2.4 Christian Book Summaries available at website: [www.christianbooksummaries.com](http://www.christianbooksummaries.com). Hundreds of great Christian books summarized on colorful 8 page book summaries.
- 2.2.5 The Bible on CD Don't have time to read? You can listen while commuting or cooking dinner. Available from Zondervan ISBN: 0310918634.
- 2.2.6 The Bible on iPod Check iTunes for various options.

## 2.3 Software

- 2.3.1 Zondervan's GLO -Glo is an interactive Bible that brings God's Word to life through HD video, photographs, maps, 360-degree virtual tours, and a unique zoomable interface for fast, easy, visual navigation on PC computers.
- 2.3.2 Logos Bible Study Software – 9000 Bibles and study resources.
- 2.3.3 Accordance Bible Software – Made for Macs and more serious students of the Bible.

2.3.4 [www.gotandem.com](http://www.gotandem.com) - An application that encourages Bible engagement by sending scripture reminders to you computer or phone.

## **2.4 People**

2.4.1 John Purdy – member of TRC, John has been a life-long student of the Bible. You can benefit from John by attending the Sunday School Guide Bible study. It meets Sept – May, Sundays at 11am.

## **2.5 Classes & Small Groups @ Trinity Church**

- 2.5.1 Sunday School Guide Class– Meets Sept – May. Bible Studies based on a topic or issue.
- 2.5.2 Books of the Bible Study – Meets Sept – March. Systematic study of specific books of the Bible.
- 2.5.3 Men’s Bible Study – Meets Wednesday mornings @ Clyde Hendrick Prudential Office year round.
- 2.5.4 Monday Morning Bible Study – Meets Monday morning, studies the Bible.

## **2.6 Seminars, Conferences, Retreats.**

2.6.1 268 Generation & Passion Conferences - Passion is committed to spreading the fame of Jesus Christ to the 16+million college students of the nation and countless others around the globe. [www.268generation.org](http://www.268generation.org)

2.6.2 Walk Through the Bible. Find out more at [www.walkthru.org](http://www.walkthru.org). Local interactive one and two day Bible over-view seminars.

## **3 Community**

### **3.1 Trinity Groups**

- 3.1.1 Sunday School – 3 or 4 classes meet Sept – May. Focus in most groups is on learning, but great opportunity to get to know people too.
- 3.1.2 Wednesday Family Night Classes – Practical classes that build relationship too.
- 3.1.3 Church Life Gatherings – Fun events that nurture relationships. One event or more each month.
- 3.1.4 Pizza and Movie Nights – About once a month Sept - March.
- 3.1.5 Keenagers – More mature members go on outings.
- 3.1.6 Book Club – meets once a month to discuss a book.

### **3.2 Books**

3.2.1 Jimmy Long and others. [Small Group Leaders’ Handbook\\*](#)

John Orberg, Laurie Pederson, Judson Poling.

3.2.2 Groups – the Life Giving Power of Community\* Don McMinn.

3.2.3 The 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Experiencing the One Another of Scripture\*

3.2.4 Dietrich Bonhoffer. Life Together

3.2.5 Henri Nouwen. Out of Solitude.

3.2.6 Randy Frazee. The Connecting Church

3.2.7 Jeffrey Arnold. The Big Book on Small Groups.

3.2.8 Neal F. McBride. How to Lead Small Groups.

3.2.9 Larry Crabb. Connecting.

3.2.10 Larry Crabb. The Safest Place on Earth

3.2.11 Gary Smalley, Five Love Languages

### **3.3 Websites**

3.3.1 [www.smallgroups.com](http://www.smallgroups.com) - On-line resources and coaching for small group leaders.

### **3.4 People**

3.4.1 Trinity's Church Life Ministry Team – A team of people who plan and promote community building events.

## **4 Mission**

**4.1 Mission through Trinity:** Trinity officially supports 6 missions. Of those, four are local and available for you to get involved. In addition Trinity members participate in and support many other missions.

4.1.1 Love In the Name of Christ

4.1.2 First Priority

4.1.3 Teen Challenge

4.1.4 C.R.O.P.

4.1.5 KIDS Hope

4.1.6 Operation Christmas Child

### **4.2 People**

4.2.1 Bob Hendrick, Marilyn Wildrom, Barry Newman

4.2.2 Trinity Outreach Team. A team of members who's mission is to help people

### **4.3 Books**

4.3.1 Philip Yancy, Rumors of Another World

4.3.2 Robert Coleman, The Master Plan of Discipleship

4.3.3 Paul Little, How to Give Your Faith Away

4.3.4 Rebecca Pippert, Out of the Saltshaker



4.3.5 Bill Hybels, Becoming a Contagious Christian

4.3.6 Peter Wagner, Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

#### **4.4 Assessment Tools**

4.4.1 SHAPE Inventory

4.4.2 Wagner Houts Spiritual Gifts Assessment

#### **4.5 Websites**

4.5.1 <http://buildingchurch.net/g2s.htm> - Wagner Houts Spiritual Gifts inventory on-line

#### **4.6 Seminars, Conferences, Retreats, Trip**

4.6.1 Passion Conferences - Inspiring a new generation of missionaries. Check them out on the web at:

[www.268generation.com](http://www.268generation.com)

4.6.2 Trinity annual mission trip.