

Rev. Dr. Jason Carter

My calling is to *be* and *make* disciples of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and living the Word of God. No one can *make* disciples without first *being* a disciple.



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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
World Christianity

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
Edinburgh, Scotland (UK)

Master of Theology (Th.M.)
Systematic Theology

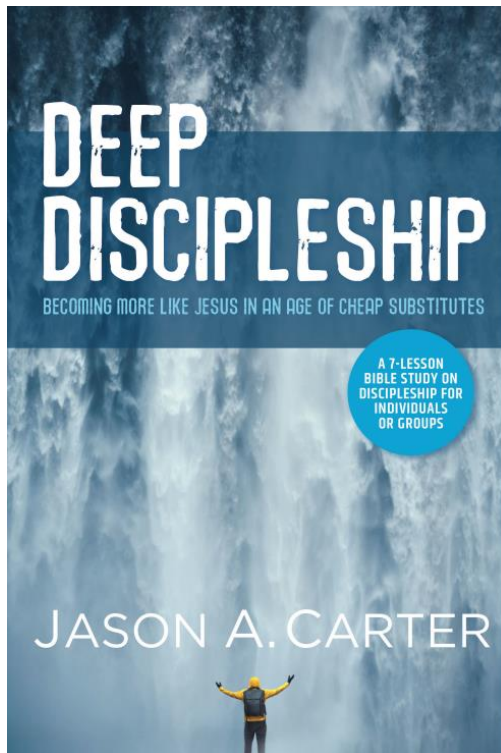
PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Princeton, New Jersey
4.00 GPA

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

GORDON CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
South Hamilton, Massachusetts
Magna cum laude

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Major: History
Minors: Religion/English

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Waco, Texas
Summa cum laude
Phi Beta Kappa



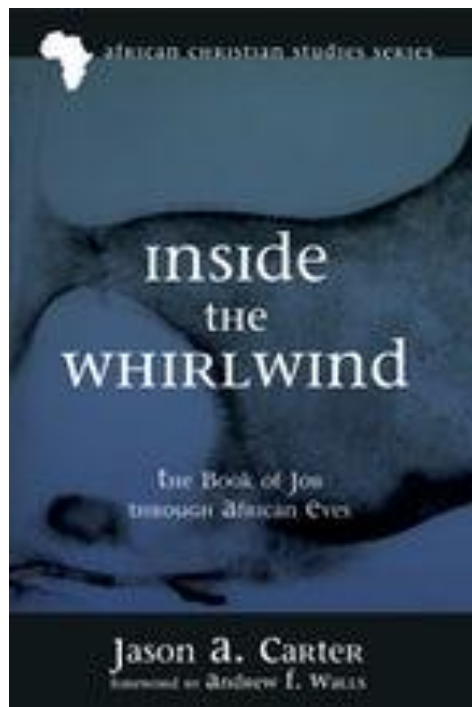
Deep Discipleship: Becoming More Like Jesus in an Age of Cheap Substitutes (forthcoming)

“Dr. Carter has the mind of a scholar and the heart of a pastor. It is this rare combination that makes this study so compelling. It is both doctrinally rich and eminently practical, which makes it a valuable resource for all those who seek to follow Jesus with greater joy and faithfulness.”

~ **Jeff Brinkman, Preaching Pastor, Grace Christian Fellowship, Spokane, WA**

“Deep Discipleship is a rich journey that will place you on the path of Christlikeness.”

~ **Jason McKnight, Senior Pastor, Grace Fellowship Church, Kinston, NC**



Inside the Whirlwind: The Book of Job through African Eyes

“A Tour de Force. This is an extremely valuable resource for contextual studies.”

~ **Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University**

“A thoughtful, rewarding, and provocative book, from which Northern-world Christians can learn much.”

~ **Philip Jenkins, Baylor University**

“Inside the Whirlwind is a wonderful exploration of what a genuine encounter with African Christianity really looks like. This is contextual theology at its best.”

~ **Timothy Tennent, President of Asbury Theological Seminary**



2017 – Present SENIOR PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF

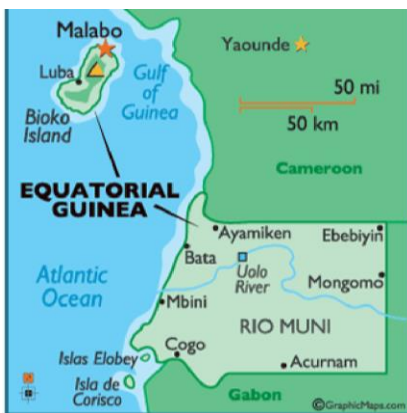
Trinity Wellsprings Church (~500 Covenant Partners)
Satellite Beach, Florida

ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

Senior Pastor/Head of Staff: Regular preaching, leading staff (16), casting vision, oversight of \$1.5 budget, supervision of the programmatic & discipleship ministries of the church.

- (1) Provided a restorative, hopeful, and forward-looking leadership presence that allowed our church family to heal and grow after a traumatic, messy season (including four pastors being transitioned out) before I arrived as the Lead Pastor.
- (2) Reinvigorated our lay leadership structure for service and ministry and oversaw a dramatic financial turnaround including executing a successful capital campaign which led our church to being debt free and bringing new Next Gen. ministries and staff to the church.
- (3) Brought a renewed focus and passion for expositional, biblical preaching and sustained attention to deep discipleship within the congregation that has reinvigorated Christian growth.

2006 – 2017



MISSIONARY-PROFESSOR in CENTRAL AFRICA

Equatorial Guinea, Spanish-speaking Africa

Instituto Bíblico "Casa de la Palabra" (IBCP Seminary)

- **Executive Leadership Team:** The executive leadership team was responsible for the seminary's overall vision, administration, and programs as well as its spiritual and academic health. As the Leader of the Executive Leadership Team, I supervised the Academic Director, the Ministerial Director, and the Administrative Director, and the Director of IBCP Malabo (the seminary's extension campus) as well as overseeing the seminary's faculty which consisted of 15 professors.
- **Coordinator of Master of Arts (M.A.) in Ministry Program:** In partnership with Central American Theological Seminary (SETECA) of Guatemala, I secured a formal partnership to bring the highest level of theological education ever offered in Equatorial Guinea to train the African professors of IBCP Seminary as well as top-tiered pastors and local church leaders.

- **Director of International Relations:** I networked IBCP Seminary with international organizations that brought sizeable financial grants to fund the M.A. program and finish the Academic Center and Chapel. I worked to place a residential house on the campus of the seminary, doubled the size of IBCP's theological library, and encircled the campus with a security wall.
- **Conference Speaker:** I enjoyed a robust preaching and teaching ministry, including speaking at numerous conferences and retreats in urban churches and rural villages.

PASTORAL & CHURCH MINISTRY

2002 – 2004



ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Second Presbyterian Church (1950 Members)
Bloomington, Illinois

- *Duties included:* Preaching, hospital visits, officiating at funerals and weddings, leading the global and local mission committee with a budget of approximately \$165k, coordinating and leading national and international mission teams, leading confirmation classes, overseeing the student ministries department including a full-time youth director and paid summer interns.

Summer 2005



INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Eastminster Presbyterian Church (~1500 Members)
Wichita, Kansas

- *Duties included:* Regular preaching at Sunday night Chapel Services, teaching of adult education classes, congregational care and hospital visitation.

2000 – 2002



DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

Dane Street Church
Beverly, Massachusetts

- *Duties included:* Oversight of the youth group (6th – 12th grades), overseeing seminary volunteers, coordinating retreats and mission projects, and preaching on Sunday mornings.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007 – 2017



SEMINARY PROFESSOR

Instituto Bíblico “Casa de la Palabra” (IBCP Seminary)
Equatorial Guinea (Spanish-speaking Central Africa)

- Teaching in the areas of biblical studies, theology, and mission, I equipped and disciplined future pastors and leaders at the largest evangelical seminary in the country.
- *Ministry & Administration:* Speaking at seminary chapel services, leading spiritual formation retreats for seminary students and professors, coordinating international visitors and conferences, overseeing student ministry practicums.
- *Select classes:* The Gospel of John; Soteriology and the Doctrines of Grace; The Worldwide Mission of the Church; History and Theology of Contemporary African Christianity; *MA level:* Themes and Theologies in the History of African Christianity.

2012 – 2013



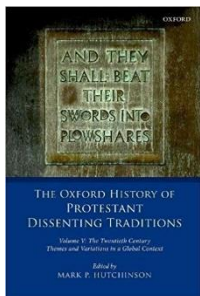
TEACHING ASSISTANT

The University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity

Classes at Bachelor of Divinity level:

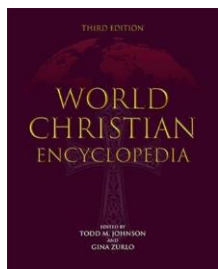
- Christian Theology: Approaches and Themes (Fall 2012)
- Practical Theology and Ethics (Spring 2012)
- Christianity as a World Religion 1B (Spring 2012; Spring 2013)

PUBLICATIONS, SEMINARS, & CONFERENCES



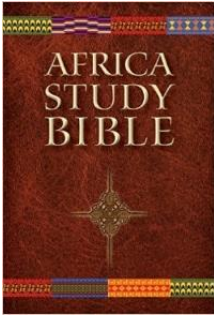
Book Chapter

“Preaching in the Global South,” *The Oxford History of Dissenting Protestant Traditions: Vol. 5, The Twentieth Century: Themes in a Global Context*, ed. by Mark Hutchinson, General Editors Mark Noll and Tim Larsen, Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 119-223.



Encyclopedia

Contributor to *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 3rd edition, edited by Todd Johnson and Gina Zerbo, Edinburgh University Press, 2020.



Study Bible

Contributor of Study Notes, *Africa Study Bible*, Oasis International, 2017.

National Blog Postings



- [“Replanting Our Churches”](#), Reformation 21, July 18, 2022.

- [“Two Temptations for the Post Covid Church”](#), May 11, 2022.



- [“The Messianic Character of Contemporary American Politics: The Rise of Politics as Religion.”](#) The Gospel Coalition linked to revdrjasoncarter/blog on Sept. 26, 2020.



- [“A Plea for Meekness: A Modest Proposal in 2020 for Social Media and Politics”](#), Reformation 21, Jan. 24, 2020.

- [“When to Speak Out? A Pastor’s Engagement with Current Issues”](#), Reformation 21, August 26, 2019.



- [“Parents, Stop Sunday Schooling your Kids out of Church”](#); The Gospel Coalition linked to this blog post at revdrjasoncarter.com and Rooted Ministry listed the post in its [“Top 10 of August 2019”](#).



- [“A Tribute to Andrew F. Walls \(1928-2021\).”](#) Reformation 21, August 16, 2021.

- [“The Enduring Value of a Long Sermon Series.”](#) Reformation 21, June 14, 2021.



- [“You \(Yes, You!\) Should Consider Global Missions”](#), Kevin DeYoung’s blog hosted by The Gospel Coalition website, Dec. 30, 2014.

- [“20 Ways to Refresh the Hearts of Missionary Saints on Furlough”](#), Kevin DeYoung’s blog hosted by The Gospel Coalition website, Nov. 4, 2014.



- [“The Unexpected Sacrifices of the Mission Field”](#), Kevin DeYoung’s blog hosted by The Gospel Coalition website, Oct. 28, 2014.

Conferences and Seminars:

- Seminar Paper at the Centre for the Study of World Christianity, The University of Edinburgh Divinity School, October 8, 2013:
 - **“The Nature of Evil in Africa: Theodicy, Cosmology and the Book of Job amongst Fang Protestant Christians”**

- All University Commencement Service, The University of Edinburgh, Inaugurating the 2013-14 Academic Year, hosted by Greyfriars Tolbooth and Highland Kirk, September, 22, 2013:
 - **“How Long, O Lord? Lament, the Body of Christ, and the African HIV/AIDS Pandemic”**
- Seminar Paper at the Centre for the Study of World Christianity, The University of Edinburgh Divinity School, February 14, 2012:
 - **“Reading the Book of Job through the Eyes of Leprosy Sufferers in Equatorial Guinea”**
- New College Postgraduate Conference on Theology and Ethics, The University of Edinburgh, November 24, 2010:
 - **“Coping with Cultures in Issues of Sickness and Health during the HIV/AIDS Pandemic: Biblical and Cultural Reflections”**

Academic Book Reviews

- “Bridging the Academic and Vernacular Divide in Biblical Interpretation within the Global Church”, *Expository Times* 126.2 (November 2014). Book review of Alissa Jones Nelson, *Power and Responsibility in Biblical Interpretation: Reading the Book of Job with Edward Said* (London: Equinox Publishing, 2012), pp. x + 257.
- Review of *Contemporary Pentecostal Christianity: Interpretations from an African Context*, *Mission Studies: A Journal of the International Association for Mission Studies* 31.2 (Summer 2014). Book Review of J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, *Contemporary Pentecostal Christianity: Interpretations from an African Context* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2013), pp. xix + 194.
- “Old Testament and Spirituality”, *Expository Times*, September 2013, Vol. 124, No. 12, p. 614. Review of Christo Lombaard, *The Old Testament and Christian Spirituality: Theoretical and Practical Essays from a South African Perspective* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012), pp ix + 189.
- Review of *Word Made Global: Stories of African Christianity in New York City*, *Themelios* Vol. 38, No. 2, Aug. 2013, pp. 342-343. Book Review of Mark R. Gornik, *Word Made Global: Stories of African Christianity in New York City* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2011), pp. xii + 348.
- “Divine Beauty, Human Desire and Creational Ethics,” *The Expository Times*, Vol. 124, No. 9, June 2013, pp. 450-451. Book Review of Belden C. Lane, *Ravished by Beauty: The Surprising Legacy of Reformed Spirituality* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 312.
- “Spiritual Direction for Contemporary Congregations,” *The Expository Times* Vol. 124, No. 7, April 2013, pp. 357-358. Book Review of Angela H. Reed, *Quest for Spiritual Community: Reclaiming Spiritual Guidance for Contemporary Congregations* (New York: T&T Clark International, 2011), pp. 189.

- Review of *The Road to Missional: Journey to the Center of the Church, Transformations: An International Journal for Holistic Mission Studies* (Oxford Centre for Mission Studies), Jan. 2013, Vol. 30, No. 1, pp. 75-77. Book Review of Michael Frost, *The Road to Missional: Journey to the Center of the Church* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011), pp. 152.
- “A Practical Guide on Preaching,” *The Expository Times*, December 2012, Vol. 124, No. 3, pp. 140-141. Book Review of George Lovell and Neil G. Richardson, *Sustaining Preachers and Preaching: A Practical Guide*, (New York: T&T Clark Continuum, 2011), pp. 264.
- “The Church’s Missional Vocation of Christian Practices,” *The Expository Times*, November 2012, Vol. 124, No. 2, pp. 90-91. Book Review of Benjamin T. Conner, *Practicing Witness: A Missional Vision of Christian Practices* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2011), pp. 134.
- “Theologies of Healing in Biblical Texts,” *The Expository Times*, March 2012, Vol. 123, No. 6, pp. 302-303. Book Review of Frederick J. Gaiser, *Healing in the Bible: Theological Insight for Christian Ministry* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2010), pp. 288.

CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (selected)

<i>Lausanne Conference on World Evangelization</i>	<i>Oct. 16-25, 2010; Cape Town, South Africa</i> Participated in the largest mission conference in modern world history as select Christian leaders from across the globe met to discuss the future of global Christianity.
<i>Larry Crabb School of Spiritual Direction</i>	<i>2010, The Glen (Colorado Springs, CO); 2017, The Cove (Ashville, NC); 2020, The Cove (Ashville, NC)</i> Participated three times in a week-long School of Spiritual Direction led by Dr. Larry Crabb, acclaimed author and renowned Christian counselor in a retreat-style setting with 30 leaders committed to providing Soul Care.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *Ministries of Compassion:* In Equatorial Guinea, I regularly stayed close to human suffering with “The Good Samaritan”, a non-governmental organization working with those infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

REFERENCES

- *Available upon request.*