

Below is the formatting requirement for the weekly reflection papers

Reflection Paper – Practical Theology Course

As disciples of Christ we desire to make of His Word more than a mere academic exercise. Moving what we are learning from head knowledge to heart application is a Spirit-directed essential to being conformed into the image of Christ.

Additionally, as followers of Jesus, we must take the additional step of not only using God's Word to guide our own lives, but to minister to others as well. So, as shepherds, we study the Word for **personal application** AND for **other's edification**. Taking time to reflect on and respond to the Word is essential to both endeavors. To that end...

Each week you will submit a Reflection Paper that addresses **ALL** of the following questions as they relate to the THEOLOGICAL TOPIC you studied in preparation for the coming week's class session: (these are to be done BEFORE class)

1. What **stood out to you the most** in relationship to the topic you studied this week? Perhaps it is something that you did not know, or had not thought much of, that the Holy Spirit used this study time to reveal to you in a new or more impactful way?
2. How has what you studied this week **impacted you personally** in your relationship with Jesus?
3. How will what you have taken away from this week's material **increase your leadership potential** as you shepherd others in Christ.

Your Reflection Paper must address ALL 3 of the above questions. It should:

- be typed and no more than ONE single-sided page – 10 pt font.
- have your name and date in the upper right corner.
- have the THEOLOGICAL TOPIC you are addressing for the week at the top of the paper.
- briefly address each of the THREE questions above.
- be ready to be turned in at the start of the class session.
- show evidence that this training is not only informational but TRANSFORMATIONAL.

Do not see this as an additional "throw away" assignment. This may be the most important thing you do with the material we are covering all week. We will periodically call on participants to share what the Holy Spirit has shared with them as a way to spur one another on to love and good deeds.