

## D.Min. Equivalency Exegetical Assignment

**Assignment:** choose a biblical theme that is relevant to you and your ministerial context and support its relevance through an exegesis of key passages. Then write a 12-to-15-page academic paper that includes the following:

1. Address the immediate socio-historical context of the biblical passage.
2. Describe the passage's context within its book.
3. Identify key words and phrases that are relevant for understanding the passage.
4. Explain the theological context of the passage (the nature of God, of people, and their relationships).
5. Explore the passage or passages for relevance, using **one** of the following:
  - a. Ministry
  - b. Practical theology
  - c. Spiritual formation
6. Share how this text is communicating the Good News of scripture today, as well as how it is forming you and others.

**Format:** Please carefully attend to these formatting requirements

1. To organize your paper: use headings that match the above sections #1-6: Socio-historical Context; Passage Context; Key Words and Phrases; Theological Context; Relevance; Good News. You will need to integrate scholarly resources throughout the paper.
2. 12-point font, New Roman or Times New Roman
3. 1-inch margins
4. Double-spaced
5. Pages numbered
6. Bibliography page at the end, using Turabian, MLA, or Chicago Manual of Style documentation
7. Practice appropriate paragraph transitions, good sentence structure, grammar and spelling.

### Criteria for Assessment

- Engagement of scholarship and its application on the chosen theme.
- Articulation of the significance of biblical passages through sound exegesis.
- Application of significance to the ministerial, theological, or spiritual formation theme.
- Use of academic writing style.

**Here is what the faculty will use to review your paper**  
**Hint: you're going for all 4s!**

<b>Element</b>	<b>Exemplary (4)</b>	<b>Accomplished (3)</b>	<b>Developing (2)</b>	<b>Beginning (1)</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory (0)</b>
Socio-historical context	Exceptionally develops 2 or more points regarding socio-historical context of the passage with excellent support	Insightfully develops 2 or more points regarding socio-historical context of the passage with strong support	Adequately develops 2 or more points regarding socio-historical context of the passage with some support	Begins to develop 1 or 2 points regarding socio-historical context of the passage	Does not address or does so insufficiently
Context within the text's book	Exceptionally addresses the text's meaning and function with the entire book and discusses specifically the relevance of this context for the interpretation of the passage with excellent support.	Insightfully addresses the biblical passage's meaning and function within the entire book; and discusses specifically the relevance of this context for the interpretation of the passage with strong support	Adequately addresses the biblical passage's meaning and function within the entire book; and discusses specifically the relevance of this context for the interpretation of the passage with some support	Begins to address the biblical passage within the content of the whole book and the relevance of this context for the interpretation of the passage with little support	Does not address or does so insufficiently
Key Words & Phrases	Exceptionally analyzes key passage's key words/phrases, original language and meanings with excellent support	Insightfully analyzes key passage's key words/phrases, original language and meanings with solid support	Adequately analyzes key passage's key words/phrases, original language and meanings with some support	Begins to analyze the passage's key words and phrases, original language and meanings	No or minimal analysis
Theological context	Exceptionally explains the theological context of the passage.	Insightfully explains the theological context of the passage.	Adequately explains the theological context of the passage.	Begins to explain the theological context of the passage.	Does not explain the theological context of the text, or does so insufficiently
Relevance	Exceptionally explores the passage's relevance	Insightfully explores the passage's relevance through	Adequately explores the passage's relevance	Begins to explore the passage's relevance	Does not explore one of the three lenses required.

	through one of the given lenses.	one of the given lenses.	through one of the given lenses.	through one of the given lenses.	
Integration of resources	Exceptionally integrates at least 5 reputable sources	Insightfully integrates 4-5 reputable sources	Adequately integrates 3-5 reputable sources	Begins to integrate 2-5 reputable sources	Does not integrate support or insights from 5 reputable sources
Personal and Community Formation	Exceptionally discusses the text's power for personal (the writer) and community formation	Insightfully discusses the text's power for personal and community	Adequately discusses the text's power for personal and community formation.	Begins to discuss the text's power for personal and community formation.	Does not discuss the text's power for personal and community formation.
Followed format requirements	Followed the required format	Followed the required format	Mostly followed the required format	Mostly followed the required format	Does not follow the format requirements provided
<b>Points earned from each column</b>					

**TOTAL Points (need 16 or more to pass at "Developing Level"):** \_\_\_\_\_