

## **Guidelines for writing your Exegetical paper:**

The Exegetical project is designed for the student to “exegete” (draw out the meaning) of a particular passage of Scripture, doing so in light of the elements being learned within the Capstone Module you are taking.

The passage you choose must be from the selection of texts listed in the “Exegetical Project” directional pages in your Capstone Curriculum book (typically on page 9 or 10), and must be approved by your Mentor

Note: the text you choose cannot be the same passage as the one you choose for your ministry project

An Exegetical Project involves the student in the process of “hermeneutics,” the application of particular rules in the study and understanding of the Holy Scriptures that provide a biblical framework for approach, discovery and application. The Urban Ministry Institute advocates the “Three-Step Model” as a thorough-going biblical approach to doing the work of hermeneutics effectively.

This process involves using the “Three-Step Model” of exegesis which briefly involves the following:

1. Understand the Original Meaning of the text
2. Discover the Biblical (universal) Principles within the text
3. Apply these principles to our Contemporary life in the Church and personally (this is commonly called, “bridging the gap”)

The expectations of a formal paper will include the following criteria:

Step 1:

Write the passage and summarize its meaning in your own words.

Step 2:

Discuss the background or context (who is writing to whom & under what circumstances) from which the passage comes to us

Step 3:

Give a verse by verse commentary (break down the text)

Step 4:

Draw out the principles that are found in or derived from the passage

Step 5:

Indicate how the those principles are authoritative for the Church and/or  
universally

Step 6:

Demonstrate how you apply those principles in your own life (a specific, personal life application)

Step 7:

Document your sources (use guidelines in your Capstone Curriculum)

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