



XL MINISTRIES
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

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SAMPLE *intern* ASSIGNMENTS

XL Interns are very involved in the life of their training church. Our goal is to expose them to many areas of ministry, with opportunities to observe ministry as well as engage in ministry. At the same time, it is essential for pastors to have an excellent grasp of biblical truth. Following are some samples of what an intern will learn over the course of his internship. At the end of the internship he must pass an oral ordination exam.

Bible Knowledge

XL interns are required to memorize a substantial amount of biblical knowledge. This includes the theme and outline of each book of the Bible, plus key chapters, passages, people and dates.

Here are samples of the memory work required for two books, Leviticus and the Gospel of John:

LEVITICUS

THEME: Holiness

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OUTLINE:

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| I. | The <u>Way</u> to God - | <u>Sacrifice</u> | (1-17) |
| II. | The <u>Walk</u> with God - | <u>Sanctification</u> | (18-27) |

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KEY CHAPTERS:

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| 17 | Five sacrifices |
| 10 | Nadab and Abihu |
| 16 | Day of atonement |
| 18 | Regulations of sexual conduct |
| 23 | Seven feasts |
| 25 | Sabbath (7) and jubilee (50) years |
| 26 | Obedience = blessing and Disobedience = judgment |

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KEY PASSAGES:

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| 17:11 | "It is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement" |
| 19:2 | "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy" |
| 19:18 | "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" |
| 20:6 8 | No mediums/spiritists |

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KEY PEOPLE:

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| Nadab and Abihu | Two eldest sons of Aaron; consecrated as priests; slain by YHWH for offering "strange fire" |
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JOHN

THEME: Jesus as the Son of God

OUTLINE:

I.	The Public Ministry of Jesus	(1 12)
II.	The Private Ministry of Jesus - Upper Room	(13 17)
III.	The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus	(18 21)

KEY CHAPTERS:

2	Wedding in Cana (first sign); cleansing of temple
3	Nicodemus; John the Baptist's testimony
4	Samaritan woman
10	Good Shepherd; debate on His deity
13	Last supper/footwashing; Judas' betrayal; Peter's denial predicted
14	Q and A: He's "the way" (14:6); "in the Father" (14:9ff); sending the Holy Spirit (14:26ff)
15	Relationships: God vine/branches; believers "love one another"; world "hates you"
16	Revelation of what is to come: rejection; Holy Spirit; resurrection; Father
17	High Priestly prayer
21	Jesus appears to the disciples in Galilee

KEY PASSAGES:

1:1-14	"In the beginning was the Word..." - eternal pre-existence and equality of the Word with God
3:5	"Born of water and the Spirit" - the purifying cleansing of Ezekiel 36, and the transformation of the Holy Spirit necessary for entering the kingdom
3:16	God's love sent Christ to the cross
10:30	"I and the Father are one" - deity of Christ; neuter pronoun asserts unity of nature or essence; Jews knew, wanting to stone Him for blasphemy
20:31	Written so that you may believe

KEY PEOPLE:

Mary Magdalene	One of Jesus' most prominent Galilean female disciples; not the woman of bad character and loose morals from Luke 7
Nathanael	Native of Cana in Galilee who became a disciple of Jesus; introduced to Jesus by his friend Philip
Nicodemus	A Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin who probably became a disciple of Jesus; Jesus told him he must be born again

Theological Terms

Interns must also understand many theological terms, such as:

Special Revelation
Hermeneutics
Anthropomorphism
Exegesis

Systematic Theology

Over the course of the internship the intern must write answers to over 70 systematic theology questions. He will use these answers to prepare for his ordination exam.

Areas of theology include Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Bibliology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, and Angelology.

Biblical Counseling

The intern will also answer a number of counseling questions, such as:

- Define Biblical counseling.
- What is the biblical process for change for a believer who is struggling with a sinful habit?

Apologetics

Interns will answer a number of apologetics questions, such as:

- What does apologetics mean and why must a follower of Christ be aware of and/or involved in this field?
- What are the different philosophical arguments for the existence of God? How and when can you use them?

Scripture Memory

Interns will memorize selected Scripture verses over the course of their internship.

