

XL Ministries Pastoral Internship Two-Year Schedule

Pastor:

Intern:

All work must be typed and turned in by the last day of each month.

The intern must listen to the ***Faithful Stewards: Loving Christ by Feeding His Sheep*** series during the first two months of the internship. This series is available on the [XL website](#).

Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4

Month	Assignment	Verse Memorization	Bible Knowledge	Systematic Theology
1			<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis	
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Report: <i>Biblical Eldership</i> , Strauch	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 10:45	<input type="checkbox"/> Exodus <input type="checkbox"/> Leviticus	Theology Proper <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-4
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: Benevolence Ministry in the Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 5:29	<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua	Theology Proper <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 5-7
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Report: <i>What is the Mission of the Church?</i> , DeYoung	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 5:21	<input type="checkbox"/> Judges <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Samuel	Christology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-4
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper or Book Report: Pastor's Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 5:1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Samuel <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings	Christology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 5-7
6		<input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 1:15	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Chronicles <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Chronicles <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra	Pneumatology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-5
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: The Practice of Spiritual Gifts in the Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Thessalonians 1:5	<input type="checkbox"/> Nehemiah <input type="checkbox"/> Esther <input type="checkbox"/> Job	Pneumatology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 6-9
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Report: <i>Delighting in the Trinity</i> , Reeves	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 2:2	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalms <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs	Bibliology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-5
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: Discipleship in the Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4:12	<input type="checkbox"/> Ecclesiastes <input type="checkbox"/> Song of Solomon <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah	Bibliology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 6-10
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper or Book Report: Pastor's Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 1:3	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah <input type="checkbox"/> Lamentations <input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel	Anthropology and Hamartiology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-6
11	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: Good and Bad Shepherds	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 4:9	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel <input type="checkbox"/> Hosea <input type="checkbox"/> Joel	Anthropology and Hamartiology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 7-11
12	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Report: <i>For the Sake of His Name</i> , Doran	<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 3:15	<input type="checkbox"/> Amos <input type="checkbox"/> Obadiah <input type="checkbox"/> Jonah <input type="checkbox"/> Micah	Soteriology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-5

A mock candidating session will take place about halfway through the internship.

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13	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: Missions in the Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Leviticus 19:2	<input type="checkbox"/> Nahum <input type="checkbox"/> Habakkuk <input type="checkbox"/> Zephaniah	Soteriology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 6-10
14		<input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 1:8	<input type="checkbox"/> Haggai <input type="checkbox"/> Zechariah <input type="checkbox"/> Malachi	Ecclesiology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-5
15	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Report: <i>The Church in God's Program</i> , Saucy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Samuel 15:22	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew <input type="checkbox"/> Mark <input type="checkbox"/> Luke	Ecclesiology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 6-9
16	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper or Book Report: Pastor's Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 3:16-17	<input type="checkbox"/> John <input type="checkbox"/> Acts	Eschatology and Angelology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-5
17	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Report: <i>Holiness</i> , Ryle	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 7:10	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians	Eschatology and Angelology <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 6-9
18	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 19:25-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians	Biblical Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-3
19	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Report: <i>Apologetics to the Glory of God</i> , Frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 9:6	<input type="checkbox"/> Philippians <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Thessalonians	Biblical Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 4-6
20	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: Practicing Church Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 17:9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Thessalonians <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timothy <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy	Biblical Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 7-10
21	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper or Book Report: Pastor's Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 36:26	<input type="checkbox"/> Titus <input type="checkbox"/> Philemon <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews	Apologetics <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 1-3
22	<input type="checkbox"/> Position Paper: Prayer in the Church	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 3:15	<input type="checkbox"/> James <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John	Apologetics <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 4-6
23		<input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 3:14	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 John <input type="checkbox"/> 3 John <input type="checkbox"/> Jude <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation	Apologetics <input type="checkbox"/> Questions 7-8
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Requirements

<input type="checkbox"/> Teach on a regular basis	<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a new member's class or process	<input type="checkbox"/> Read your church's constitution and bylaws
<input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd those who have been missing from the ministry in which you are involved	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct or assist in a wedding	<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in general counseling
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct or assist in a funeral	<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in premarital counseling
<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly attend elder/leadership meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Make hospital visits	<input type="checkbox"/> Actively disciple one or more people
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend staff meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit those who are shut in	<input type="checkbox"/> Mock candidating session
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a baptism class or process	<input type="checkbox"/> Get exposure to children's ministries	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordination exam
	<input type="checkbox"/> Get exposure to adult ministries	

Accumulation of Resources:

We encourage interns to collect as many resources as possible during their internship. This will vary from church to church, but could include: various church policies, materials for premarital counseling, theological position papers, doctrinal statements, constitutions, bylaws, membership class materials, child protection policies, discipleship materials, evangelism materials, counseling resources, etc.

Assignments added by the training church:

Instructions for Position Papers

Book Reports and Position Papers should be 2-4 pages, double spaced, 12 cpi.

Benevolence Ministry in the Church

Churches generally have many opportunities to demonstrate benevolence. In this paper, please answer the following questions and provide a Scriptural explanation:

What will be your policies and/or procedures when people who are not part of your church walk in and request financial assistance?

What will be your policies and/or procedures when people in your church need financial assistance?

The Practice of Spiritual Gifts in the Church

The church is to function as a body of believers who are all responsible to practice their spiritual gifts. Please answer the following questions:

What are the spiritual gifts that should be active today in a biblical church?

How can you help a person understand what their spiritual gift(s) are?

What would you do to encourage people who are passively attending church and need to begin participating?

Discipleship in the Church

The main worship service of a church can be a difficult place to get to know others and to use one's own spiritual gifts. Please answer the following questions:

What is the biblical priority of discipleship in the church?

In what ways is discipleship being accomplished in your church?

Are there specific ways that discipleship can be enhanced in your church?

Describe any discipleship relationships that you currently have.

Good and Bad Shepherds

The Scriptures are replete with information on the contrast between a good shepherd and a bad shepherd.

Provide a list of characteristics of good shepherds versus bad shepherds. Include Scriptural references.

As you consider the characteristics of a good shepherd, what areas would you like to be better developed in your own life?

Missions in the Church

Write a paper as though you were starting a new church and establishing the role that missions will have in your church. Provide a biblical basis and the practical outworking in the life of your church and abroad.

Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage

Marriage, divorce and remarriage will be an issue that you will have to deal with as a pastor. Please answer the following questions and provide a clear biblical explanation:

Does the Bible permit divorce?

Does the Bible permit remarriage for a divorced person?

How would you deal with someone who had an unbiblical divorce and is now remarried?

Practicing Church Discipline

Provide a biblical explanation of church discipline. Matthew 18 is a very important text, but please use other Scriptures as well.

What sin(s) or types of sin(s) would warrant church discipline?

When is it better to practice 1 Peter 4:8?

Prayer in the Church

Churches can easily fall into patterns of praying primarily for the physical needs of the congregation. In this paper, please answer the following questions:

What should be the primary emphasis of biblical prayers?

How can you encourage people in your church to pray with spiritual priorities?

How can you improve your own prayer life?



