

## **Term Paper General Guidelines**

- All term papers are due by 11:59 PM on April 19th, 2022
- Fourth year students will write a thesis paper fifty pages in length, not including the title page.
  - Students currently serving as the head of a ministry will write a reflection paper ten pages in length, not including the title page, discussing their personal growth in relation to their ministry.
    - Qualification for this is at the discretion of XNE staff
- All other students will write a reflection paper five pages in length, not including the title page.
  - Pick any topic from the current school year. See below for suggestions.
- All papers will be typed and double spaced, size 12, Times New Roman or Arial, and will adhere to MLA standards regarding citation and formatting.
  - We will be rather lenient regarding grammar and syntax; however, the content must be legible and easily understood.
  - You will want to include a title page, but no, that does not count in the page count.
- All papers **MUST** be submitted through the portal on the XNE website by 11:59 PM on 4/19/22

### **Suggested Schedule for 50 Pages (Not including title page)**

Topic picked by 9/21

Outline of paper by 3/5

Rough draft written by 4/5

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### **Suggested Schedule for 5 or 10 Pages (Not including title page)**

Topic picked by 3/19

Outline of paper by 3/31

Rough draft written by 4/12  
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### **Some ideas to give you somewhere to start and get you thinking.**

What class most impacted you at XNE?

Describe your Spiritual journey during your time at XNE.

Describe a prophetic word that unfolded during your time at XNE.

What truth from each class had the greatest impact on you and why?

How have you been able to apply the truths you learned at XNE in your life? Your family? Your ministry?

What are your ministry goals and dreams, and how have you received clarity on how to pursue them since coming to XNE?

What part of your life has changed the most dramatically because of the truths you have learned at XNE?

How has XNE prepared you for the next steps the Lord has revealed to you?

### **And for the 10 page papers**

What were some of your ministry goals this year? (Hint: set some)

- Why were those your goals? How did you decide on them?

What did you learn in XNE that helped you move toward those goals?

How did you apply what you learned at XNE in your ministry? What were the results?

What class most impacted you and your ministry? How?

Use some of the questions from the other list as well.

### **HELP! I've never written a 50 page paper before.**

- Don't get overwhelmed. Take it a little bit at a time and remember that you have grace from God for this.
- Get started early! Earlier than you think you need to.
- Pick a topic you have a connection to, something you're passionate about.
- Start pretty broad, and then as you think and research you can narrow it down a bit.
  - Don't feel like you need to be married to your first topic choice. You can change your mind!

- Just make sure not to make a HUGE change too late in the process. It's better to go to a related topic so some of your research and work will still apply.
- Get something written down! You'll be surprised at how much you have to say once you start writing.
  - You can come back and organize your thoughts and make their connections to your thesis more solid later. Blank page paralysis is a very real thing. Get things flowing by writing!
  - If you get stuck, start writing about another part and come back.