

Name: _____ Date: August 18th, 2020 Week: 1 Reading Report for
CMI 1055 (Fall 2020)

Complete all 3 Key Points, Text & Page, and Meta-Insights – 10 points Credit (including reading)

<p>KEY POINTS</p> <p><i>While reading the textbook, what ideas, terms, people, places, or events did you come across that really stood out to you? List a minimum of three key points / “A-HA” words, phrases, etc.</i></p>	<p>TEXT & PAGE</p>	<p>INSIGHTS</p> <p><i>Respond to the following three questions: 1) What is this “aha” learning or Key Point that stood out to you? How would you describe it (in context, of course!)? 2) In what ways did these “aha” moments relate to your spiritual life and/or ministry context?</i></p>
<p>Missional calling</p>	<p>“When people recognize their missional calling, they acknowledge that God had wired them to serve in a particular way over the course of a lifetime.”</p> <p>Maddix & Riley, Page 14</p>	<p>1.) This entire section on missional callings really stood out to me. I felt as if every sentence I read directly applied to my life. This sentence specifically related to me in an intense way because I have been feeling this same exact way for years now.</p> <p>2.) I have recently felt a call in my life towards full-time ministry, but I still don’t know what that looks like. I have had an overwhelming feeling of purpose for a long time now, but I trust that God is going to reveal my specific career within this journey of pondering and exploring. I’ve always been a very passionate person regarding social injustices and have had a deep desire to care for others. After I gave my life to Jesus, I could see how God had been placing passions in my heart for a specific reason. Even though I don’t know exactly what I am called to do, I know God has given me gifts and talents in order to do good works for His Kingdom.</p>
<p>Elder and Deacon</p>	<p>“Ordained deacons perform full-time roles in ministry such as teaching, worship ministry, compassionate ministry, Christian education, social work, and the like.”</p> <p>Maddix & Riley, Page 18</p>	<p>1.) Something that stood out to me about this passage was how deacons and elders are ordained in the Nazarene church. Coming from a non-denominational background, the deacons and elders I have had encounters with have not been ordained. In fact, I even dated a deacon in my church back home, whom I just now realized was not ordained! I just thought this was an interesting difference between some denominations of Christianity. It makes me wonder what implications this has on the local church bodies.</p> <p>2.) Honestly, I did not know much about clergy and laity until I learned about it in class today. I didn’t know what ordination meant and why it is so important in some traditions. Although it is a foreign subject to me, I can definitely see the benefits of this tradition. It keeps a sort of checks-and-balance system in place, which helps so that people will not be led astray or hurt. Although I may not fully agree with every aspect of ordination in practice, I do believe that roles are important and can be beneficial in the church.</p>

<p>Women in the Church</p>	<p>“Later followers of the Jesus movement include women such as Lydia, who in Acts 16 aids the work of God in Thyatira; Chloe, who leads a house church in Corinth; and Euodia and Syntyche, who work with Paul to spread the gospel in Philippi.”</p> <p>Maddix & Riley, Page 27</p>	<p>1.) The point that stood out to me was how God has directly involved women in working for the Kingdom. I hadn’t actually realized how many women were influential parts of the early New Testament church. This fascinated me because of my own questions I have circulating in my head regarding women’s roles in the church.</p> <p>2.) The church that I had been going to back home in Colorado was a non-denominational church that did not agree on the stance that women could teach or be in leadership. This actually was the root of a few people leaving the church and, if I’m being transparent, something that hindered my own walk with the church as well. When I first came to PLNU, I was under the impression that women were not allowed to have influential roles in the church. However, after hearing God’s call on my own life and learning from some very compassionate people, I began to rethink this assumption. Right now, I am still in the middle of that “rethinking” process. I want to fulfill the specific vocation that God is calling me to, whatever and wherever that may be. However, I have passages like 1 Corinthians 14:34-38 swirling around in my head. I know that the Bible is God’s word and I do not want to ignore any of God’s commands. Currently, I am in the middle of wrestling with this idea. I know above all else that God is good and loving, and I trust that He will lead me to where He wants me to go.</p>
<p><i>Metacognition: How has my learning increased because of this reading assignment? In other words, in what ways did these Key Points increase my learning?</i></p>	<p>From today’s reading, I truly began to understand more about my calling. This understanding was not based on answers, but instead more questions to ask. I am in the middle of a process with God in which He is slowly revealing each puzzle piece of my missional calling. Today’s reading gave me confirmation that what I was feeling was a valid and a true calling from God, as well as gave me even more questions to ponder and ask God about.</p>	

How much of the reading did you complete this week? (response in percentages. Example, 90%) _____ 100% _____