

Name: _____ Date: August 30th, 2020 Week: 3 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:</i> 1) <i>What is this “aha” learning or Key Point that stood out to you? How would you describe it (in context, of course!)?</i> 2) <i>In what ways did these “aha” moments relate to your spiritual life and/or ministry context?</i></p>
<p>Christian fundamentals</p>	<p>“The ignorance of the general public about the fundamentals of the Christian faith is regrettable. The ignorance of churchgoing Christians about the fundamentals of the Christian faith, however, is scandalous.”</p> <p>Maddix & Estep, pg.2</p>	<p>1. This quote in the first chapter really stood out to me because of how clear and blunt John G. Stackhouse is in his analysis of the church. I really hadn’t realized how much of a lack of fundamental Christian education there is within the churches of America. Honestly, when I read the statistics on page 5, I thought it was a joke. This was a huge eyeopener for me that the church needs people who are called to teach the fundamentals of Christianity to the people in accordance to the Word of God.</p> <p>2. Personally, I have felt a little tug in my own heart towards teaching. More than that, I have had many friends and mentors speak this over me, even before I recognized it myself. This passage helped me understand a glimpse of the great need there is for Christian education. Reading this brought up a lot of good questions in my own mind that I can now talk to God about.</p>
<p>Theology & Christian Education</p>	<p>“We believe that theology provides the primary content for Christian education, that theology is a reflective process that deepens our relationship with God, and that theology is an integrated practice with Christian education.”</p> <p>Maddix & Estep, pg.23</p>	<p>1. This chapter was so helpful for me! Honestly, before I read this section, I had no idea theology had such a practical part in Christian education. I love theology, but I always wondered what the practical applications of my studies could be. However, I am slowly understanding that our theological understanding actually impacts every other part of our lives individually and in community.</p> <p>2. I have been asking God for a while how He is going to work together all of my gifts and passions for His glory. This section ended up being an instrumental piece of that conversation. I realized that my love for theology and a calling to teach can actually intertwine. More than that, a sound understanding of theology is arguably <i>essential</i> to Christian education! This was a really cool section to read because it tied together two of the things that I didn’t know could be brought together.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Teaching</p>	<p>“Biblically speaking, learning and teaching are inseparable.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maddix & Estep, pg.9</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The concept that stood out to me was the idea that God has commanded us to teach others. Although this may seem basic and self explanatory, I had never really seen it put in plain English before. This section goes on to talk about how teaching is vital in leadership positions and how to know the characteristics of a good teacher. I realized that teaching is actually a calling from God and we have to be the types of devoted people who can accept that call. 2. I guess in some ways I had been discerning if I was <i>really</i> being called to teach others. However, this section made it evidently clear that teaching others is always the clear next step after learning. And I love to learn! More than that, teaching is God’s will. It helps me to identify that God’s will is very clear: Go, make disciples, and teach them what He has taught us.
<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>This week’s reading has really opened up my eyes to all of the possibilities of ministry. I have asked God so many times how He is going to make everything work together for my good & His glory, and these chapters really displayed the faithfulness of God throughout all of that. It encourages me to remember that God has great plans for us that we cannot even begin to imagine. It was awesome to learn more about the need and practical applications of Christian education for the world. This is something that interests me and I can now have some deeper conversations with God about where He is calling me in ministry.</p>	

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