SHEFFEY BIBLE COLLEGE

Course: Church Administration
Paper Title: Organizing the Church
Assigned Reading: Chapter 4 – Organizing the Church

Student Paper Assignment

Assignment Overview

The purpose of this paper is to help you demonstrate your understanding of the principles of church organization as taught in Chapter 4 of your textbook. This assignment requires you to summarize key concepts from the chapter and explain them in your own words. Your paper should show that you understand the biblical and administrative principles that guide the organization and leadership structure of the church.

Your paper must be based only on the material found in Chapter 4. No outside sources are allowed. While the paper must reflect the teaching of the chapter, it should also include your own explanation and reflection on the concepts discussed.

Paper Requirements

Length

4 full pages

Format Options

Students may choose one of the following formats:

Typed Paper

- 12-point font
- Double spaced
- Standard margins

Handwritten Paper

- Must be written clearly and legibly in ink
- Proper paragraph structure must still be followed
- Writing must be easy to read

Sources

Use only Chapter 4 of the textbook

No outside books, websites, commentaries, or additional sources are permitted.

Writing Style

- Write in paragraph form
- Use complete sentences and proper grammar
- Organize ideas clearly and logically

Required Heading Format

At the top left of the first page, include the following:

Student Name
Course: Church Administration
Instructor: Dr. Ancel Presnell Jr.
Paper Title: Organizing the Church
Date

Topics Your Paper Must Address

Your paper should clearly explain the following ideas taught in Chapter 4.

1. The Biblical Basis for Church Organization

Explain how Scripture presents the church as a body made up of many members working together.

Discuss ideas such as:

- Spiritual gifts and responsibilities within the body
- The importance of unity within the church
- The role of leadership in equipping believers for ministry

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2. Types of Church Polity

Explain the different forms of church government discussed in the chapter.

Describe the following types:

- Monarchial
- Episcopalian
- Presbyterian
- Congregational

Your explanation should demonstrate that you understand how these systems function and why polity matters in church leadership.

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3. Organization and Leadership in the Church

Explain how church leaders function as administrators and organizers within the church.

Discuss ideas such as:

- The importance of leadership in guiding the church
- The concept of leaders functioning as change agents
- Why leaders must understand the structure and culture of the church they serve

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4. Organizational Structure and Staff Development

Explain how churches develop organizational structure and staff leadership.

Discuss ideas such as:

- The role of mission and purpose in shaping organization
- The importance of staff structure
- Why job descriptions are valuable for church leadership and ministry positions

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5. Committees, Councils, and Ministry Teams

Explain the differences between:

- Committees
- Councils

- Ministry teams

Discuss how these groups help organize ministry, delegate responsibilities, and allow the church body to participate in the work of ministry.

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6. The Purpose of Church Organization

Explain why organization is necessary for the church to function effectively.

Discuss how proper organization helps the church accomplish its mission and serve its members.

Suggested Paper Structure

Introduction

Introduce the concept of church organization and briefly explain why it is important for the effective functioning of the church.

Body

Explain the major ideas presented in Chapter 4 and demonstrate your understanding of the principles discussed.

Conclusion

Summarize why biblical organization and wise leadership are essential for the health and mission of the church.

Student Submission Checklist

Before turning in your paper, make sure you have:

✓ Written 4 full pages
✓ Used only Chapter 4 as your source
✓ Written in clear paragraph form
✓ Included the proper heading format
✓ Explained the major organizational principles from the chapter

✓ Included your own explanation and understanding of the material
✓ Checked for clear and readable writing (especially if handwritten)

SHEFFEY BIBLE COLLEGE
Course: Hermeneutics 101
Paper Title: Observing Scripture at the Paragraph Level
Assigned Reading: Chapter 4 – *How to Read the Book—Paragraphs*

Student Paper Assignment

Assignment Overview

The purpose of this paper is to help you demonstrate your understanding of the principles of biblical observation at the paragraph level as taught in Chapter 4 of your textbook. This assignment requires you to summarize key concepts from the chapter and explain them in your own words. Your paper should show that you understand how careful observation helps us read and understand Scripture correctly.

Your paper must be based only on the material found in Chapter 4. No outside sources are allowed. While the paper must reflect the teaching of the chapter, it should also include your own explanation and reflection on the concepts discussed.

Paper Requirements

Length:
4 full pages

Format Options:
Students may choose one of the following formats:

Typed Paper

- 12-point font
- Double spaced
- Standard margins

Handwritten Paper

- Must be written clearly and legibly in ink
- Proper paragraph structure must still be followed
- Writing must be easy to read

Sources:

- Use only Chapter 4 of the textbook
- No outside books, websites, or commentaries

Writing Style:

- Write in paragraph form
- Use complete sentences and proper grammar
- Organize ideas clearly

Required Heading Format

At the top left of the first page, include the following:

Student Name
Course: Hermeneutics 101
Instructor: Dr. Ancel Presnell Jr.
Paper Title: Observing Scripture at the Paragraph Level
Date

Topics Your Paper Must Address

Your paper should clearly explain the following ideas taught in Chapter 4:

1. The Importance of Careful Observation

- Explain the lesson from "The Student, the Fish, and Agassiz."
- Describe how this story illustrates careful observation when studying Scripture.

2. Observing Structure in Paragraphs

Explain how authors communicate ideas in paragraphs, including:

- General to Specific / Specific to General
- Questions and Answers
- Dialogue

3. Observing Logical Relationships in the Text

Discuss how careful readers should look for:

- Purpose or Result statements
- Means by which something is accomplished
- Conditional statements (if...then relationships)

4. Observing People, God, and Emotion in Scripture

Explain the importance of identifying:

- Actions or roles of people
- Actions or roles of God
- Emotional language and tone

5. The Goal of Observation

Explain why careful observation is necessary before interpretation and application.

Suggested Paper Structure

Introduction

Introduce the importance of careful observation when studying Scripture and briefly explain the focus of Chapter 4.

Body

Explain the key principles taught in the chapter, using your own words to demonstrate understanding.

Conclusion

Summarize why careful observation is essential for correctly understanding God's Word.

Student Submission Checklist

Before turning in your paper, make sure you have:

✓ Written 4 full pages
✓ Used only Chapter 4 as your source
✓ Written in clear paragraph form
✓ Included the proper heading format

✓ Explained the major observation principles from the chapter
✓ Included your own understanding of the material
✓ Checked for clear and readable writing (especially if handwritten)

Sheffey Bible College
Systematic Theology I
Paper Assignment #1 — Chapter 4
The Authority of Scripture

Your first paper for Systematic Theology I will be written from Chapter 4 of the textbook, which teaches on the authority of Scripture. This assignment is designed to demonstrate that you have read the chapter carefully, understand its major teachings, and are able to explain those teachings clearly in your own words.

This paper must be written only from Chapter 4 of the textbook. No outside sources are permitted. Your paper should reflect both your understanding of the chapter and your own thoughtful interaction with the material.

Paper Requirements

- Length: 4 full pages
- Format: Paragraph form only
- Typed Option: 12-point font, double spaced
- Handwritten Option: Written clearly and legibly in ink, approximately 4 full pages
- Sources: Chapter 4 only (no outside sources)

Heading Format (Top Left of First Page)

Student Name
Systematic Theology I
Dr. Ancel Presnell Jr.
Paper #1 — Chapter 4
Date Submitted

Topics Your Paper Should Address

Your paper should demonstrate understanding of the major teachings in Chapter 4, including:

- The meaning of the authority of Scripture
- The Bible's claim that its words are God's words
- The role of the Holy Spirit in convincing believers that Scripture is God's Word
- The self-attesting nature of Scripture
- The relationship between God's character and the truthfulness of Scripture
- Why Scripture is the believer's final authority
- The contrast between the evangelical view of Scripture and liberal theology
- Your personal reflection on the importance of the authority of Scripture

Suggested Structure

Introduction – Introduce the subject of the authority of Scripture.

Body – Explain the major teachings from the chapter and demonstrate your understanding of the material.

Conclusion – Summarize why the authority of Scripture is essential for Christian belief and life.

Student Checklist

Before submitting your paper, make sure:

✓ The paper is 4 full pages
✓ It is written in paragraph form
✓ It uses only Chapter 4
✓ It includes the correct heading
✓ It includes your own reflection
✓ Handwritten papers are clear and legible

This assignment is intended to help you clearly understand and explain the doctrine of the authority of Scripture and why it is foundational to Christian theology.