

## Scholarly Research Article

Ministers should have a scholarly mind/ability/bent. They should be life-long readers; in addition, they may be expected to contribute to the church world by publishing scholarly articles based on research. Of course, scholarship of the Bible is primary, but ministers need skills in finding and using many types of sources.

1. Select one of the theological issues from the topic list. Sign up deadline: \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Do some preliminary reading and note-taking to guide your planning.
  3. Complete a Master List of Sources,<sup>1</sup> using research tools discussed in class. Due: \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Select a position and prepare a Preliminary Outline<sup>2</sup> (write a thesis statement and supporting points). Due: \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Find at least 10 usable sources relative to your topic (strive for broad and varied and authoritative sources). Read and take notes. Carefully document both the source (bibliography card) and information (note cards).
  6. Write a first draft. Due: \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Revise content with class members. Then polish the writing until it is clear and persuasive. All sources must be carefully introduced and cited. Follow the Turabian style manual conventions.
  8. Turn in a final draft, along with preliminary drafts, editing sheets, and note cards.
  9. Prepare a double-spaced, 5-6 page scholarly research article.
- Due: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup>Please get further instructions from the Master List of Sources assignment sheet, Resource 14-1.

<sup>2</sup>Please get further instructions from the Preliminary Outline assignment sheet Resource 13-5.