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**Justification for Selected
Micro-project Assignment**

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1. *What is your cognate? Describe why you chose it.*

My cognate is discipleship. I chose the discipleship cognate to answer my own personal curiosity about why there does not seem to be a consistent and effective method to develop disciple-making disciples. I have been in leadership at churches for most of my adult life and have seen the decline in attendance of many from gathering whenever the church doors were open to coming once per month. I wanted to gain a broad perspective as well as an in-depth study of discipleship to identify where our local church should focus to change this trend.

2. *What is the Micro-Project you have chosen? Describe why you chose it.*

I have chose to do the Website micro-project. In this term, we will be describing how to help others utilize what we have learned in our prior projects to implement similar solutions to ministry problems there are experiencing. A website is a fantastic way to convey information to others in a manner that is not time-restricted. It also allows a great deal of knowledge and data to be share very easily. The format of the webpage allows information to be supported with graphics, photos and videos to successfully convey the messages and information analysis that the creator wishes to share.

3. *What is the problem in your ministry area you are seeking to resolve? Begin your answer with this sentence: "The problem I am seeking to resolve is that..."*

The problem I am seeking to resolve is that the mega-church where I serve does not exhibit the explosive growth that the early church experienced. I am part of the leadership at this church and I know we have the desire to reach our community, aid people in becoming followers of Jesus Christ, and then disciple them towards the maturity needed to become disciple-makers. We seem to maintain our size, but lose as many as we gain. I desire to

discover what it will take to change that dynamic and empower God's people to pursue Him and serve Him well.

4. *How does your choice of micro-project align with your DMIN cognate?*

My work so far has been to research the church's condition, analyze articles that explain the cultural conditions we are experiencing, and to develop a series of teachings that communicate to viewers on a YouTube channel what I believe we need to change to exhibit the early church practices. This project will be to develop a website that supports those who are looking more in-depth to my arguments from my local church as well as support those at other churches that are interested in such things for their own ministry contexts.

5. *How does your choice of micro-project align with scripture? Give specific examples.*

In the content that I plan to present, I will explain that I believe the modern church has moved away from an understanding and emphasis on devotion to God. I will present Deut 6:4-5, which calls God's people to have an understanding that they need to pursue God with all of their heart, mind, soul and strength. This single-mindedness includes a passion to know God by reading His Word. I will continue to say that Jesus explains that all we do in regard to others should align with Matt 22: 36-40, where He told us to love others like God does. He makes this thought more poignant by saying we should love others like we love ourselves. Finally, I will remind believers of the Great Commission in Matt 28: 28-30, where Jesus directs His followers to make disciples. That includes reaching them by sharing the gospel with them, then teaching them to obey all of Jesus' commands.

6. *How does your choice of micro-project align with your abilities, passions, and interests?*

I have a life-long love of problem solving and spend my idle time contemplating how to address the various issues that have my attention. My strong operational skills have been at

work at this church and we are very stable and have an excellent foundation to operate from. That part of my challenge is in order, but maintaining such a thing provides little interest for me. I want to see our church be an outpost that continually expands in impact. I wish for God's people to experience the abundant life He has for them as they serve others in His name. It is not ok with me that we are large but not growing. I believe healthy things grow, so I am hard at work to look for areas we can strengthen and then work hard to serve our community in a manner that gives our people lots of opportunities to influence those around them.

7. *Summarize in your own words the assignment instructions for all four phases of your chosen Micro-Project.*

In the Organization phase, I will research how to build a website from credible authors and consider what features will be needed in the website that I build. I will identify three poorly done websites and explain their deficiencies, as well as identify three excellent websites and explain their strengths.

In the Elaboration phase, I will justify the format and layout for the website. I will also consider design elements and which software editing program to be used to create the website. In addition, I will identify the content that I will place within the website.

In the Implementation phase, I will take the knowledge gained in prior phases and put that knowledge into practice. I will build a website with the preferred features and have it operating live on the internet with a proper hosting company.

In the Culmination phase, I will reflect upon the experience of building and launching the website. I will also consider whether I have achieved my goal of providing information to the users of the website that would aid them in moving forward with implementing the ideas

I share to help their people experience the early church growth by adopting a new attitude and passion toward ministry.

8. *How have you planned to complete each of the Micro-Project phases on time?*

Each phase has reporting deadlines which are stated in the syllabus. Those deadlines provide clarity about when work has to be ready to publish or make practicable. I have set those deadlines up in my calendar and have established action steps to complete each assignment by the due dates established.

9. *What is your greatest reservation or question regarding this selected micro-project?*

Access to photos and graphics that support the messages that I want to convey have proven to be difficult to source. I am certain that most people want to see quality photos and graphic designs when they open a website. I know finding these supporting elements will be challenging and I find that I am unsettled as I begin to search for those items.