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## **Research Project**

During this semester there was a lot to impact especially that there was probably more we could have learned from the two men, (two men being Pastor Galbreath and Pastor Monroe) God has given us. But time has come to end and now to put what we have learned into practice or into action. Such as God has given us talents and gifts and has sent us into the world to impact them and be fruitful and multiply them. There are many things that we have learned in this short amount of time but to summarize it in three points is first to learn about yourself such as understanding, unpacking the gifts and other things that are within us, so we must be “deeply formed” in our life. The second part would be to put ourselves into action how we can help the community that we are in. Lastly, which should be the first and the most important is doing it all for the glory of God. In this class the focus was on how to pastor in the urban setting, urban being the city. In the beginning of learning one pastor said “if you are able to pastor in New York City you are able to pastor anywhere in the world.”

Pastor Galbreath and Pastor Monroe brought to our attention that when we are pastoring in urban settings we as pastors, ministers, any type of leader but mainly those under the God we must be deeply formed. We must know who we are, know what we are called for and most importantly remember who we are called by. They told us this because many will come and tell us things about ourselves that we know and even

things we do not know. It is important that we are deeply formed. They gave us a book titled "The Deeply Formed Life" written by Rich Villodas. This focused me on myself, giving me eyes to things where I must see. Rich Villodas points out five different points of values, the first being the monastic value where I would disconnect from the world and block the noise and take care of myself, my soul. Next being the emotional health values, this point is where one focus and looks and the emotional baggage some of us carry and we must take care of that before stepping into the pastoring stage, the following the value being the healthy sexuality value, in this value we must see and be aware how are connected spiritually and we must aware of ourselves learn to be careful. The final two are the multiracial value and missional value are two connected for working in the field with God.

Truly the first half of the semester was great because there are key things that one should be prepared for and focused on the things to come. One being fully deeply formed is a great advantage because it causes less idea of a burnout and problem from happening within the church. Me knowing who I am and tearing down the walls I have put up and just let God work within me as the potter works with clay to make a masterpiece. The creator takes time with us as his creation to make us into a masterpiece. **8** This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: **2** "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." **3** So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. **4** But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. **5** Then the word of the LORD came to me. **6** He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the

potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.” (Jeremiah 18:1-6 NIV). We are human and we all have our flaws but the question is what are we doing with them? We are to bring them to the Lord and learn about them and be transformed. This is how we begin a disciple is being formed, without knowing until now Pastor Galbreath and Pastor Monroe were teaching and forming disciples for God. Because with God’s grace and glory are going to be used by God and the enemy will attack but this class in the beginning is showing us how to protect the flame that is within to not be blown away.”**16** “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.” (Matthew 10:16 NIV). Truly being strong within the Lord. There was an event I had an opportunity to go to and it was a talk show live in the city and I had a glimpse of how working in urban environments may turn out to be. A glimpse of a protest broke out during the talk show with the mayor of NYC. Truly we must be ready and know ourselves and fully immerse with God to face the urban setting, well not only the urban but any other setting we must be prepared.

For we have learned what within us now in the second half of this class is how to work in the urban setting because now we are prepared to work, now it is how to work and what to work. I have seen for myself living in the urban context seeing the problems that are out there in the community. But what are we supposed to do? This part is where we become critical thinkers in the church and bring help to our own community. As our Pastor Galbreath and Pastor Monroe we must break down the walls that we are in (four walls of the church being) and begin ministry for Pastor Monroe brought up **“24** Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him

the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." (Matthew 24: 1-2). I see the walls and it is time I look over the walls and push forward. Pastor Galbreath was preaching on Sunday and I heard him say let's look over the walls because if we look at the wall and not looking at what is over we will get terrified and never push forward. I see in the urban setting the problem of poverty which connects to the problem of homelessness, seeing the problem of drug use, problems dealing with mental illness, problems with gun use leading to gun violence, problems with the community that the church should in and create the connection that Jesus did with the cross where Jesus connected us to the Father and has restored our relationship with the Almighty Father. The Church should become the connection to Christ as Christ is the connection to the Father.

Us as christian must step and be the light of the community and make it a better place. "**10** Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 KJV). I truly believe that the solving of all of our problems can be found in Jesus Christ. The solution is found in Christ. It is time we push Christ forward, not only preaching the Gospel, having a mind like Christ, having a walk like Christ, having the love like Christ and the passion like Christ. For we are ambassadors of the Lord."**20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. **21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:20-21 KJV). There is much I can see myself I can do thank you Pastor Galbreath and

Pastor Monroe and of course I thank the Lord for opening my eyes and giving me what really takes and what we should be doing in a urban setting for Gods glory we move forward and conquering and helping those in need and bring the Gospel to the world.

AMEN!