**Assignments and Grades**:

Participation in online discussion: 30 possible pts

* 3 pts per week reflecting timely participation that engages course materials and advances the broader conversation. (No participation points awarded week eight, but I will spot you those three to make it come out even.)

Group Reading, discussion, and report: 25 pts

* Sign up in Canvas by March 26 to read either *The Social Media Gospel, Net Smart*or *Click2Save*.
* Participate in small group discussion of the book, and
* prepare with the group a 5-to-6 page Canvas presentation on the book for class discussion. Post Sunday, Week 9 or 10.

Social Media: 10 pts total

* A: Locating Ourselves: Spend several days paying attention to your own involvement in social media (Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, Etc). 1) Reflect on the family, social, community, and professional links that are part of your online network. How do you present yourself to these various groups? What overall picture of you, your style, interests, commitments, and values are you presenting online? 2) Think about the online presence of people you think of as leaders within your social media networks. How do they present themselves? How do they use social media to lead? What do you like, and/or what troubles you about your own and other leaders use of social media? Write a 2 – 3 page reflection for the instructor. 5 pts, Due end of Week Two.
* B: Experimenting with Social Media, B: 5pts, participate in the discussion of social media for leadership on April 15 and follow up by experimenting with a form you have not used before. Write a 2 -3 page reflection for the instructor. 5 pts, Due May 22.

Interview a Leader: 15 pts

* Choose a leader in an area you are involved in, or preparing for, whom you admire. Interview him/her about:
  + their understanding of what constitutes leadership,
  + how they understand religious identity to be formed, and the role of leaders in the formation of religious identity,
  + the nature and importance of community and networks in a culture focused on the individual,
  + if/how, and why they think the church is changing,
  + whether they think of, and use social media, as a tool for leadership.

(This will likely take several conversations. If possible interview them face-to-face, but phone or online as necessary.)

5 - 7 page, reflection on what you have learned about leadership from the conversation. Due Friday, May 8.

Final Short paper: 20 pts

* Write an 8 page (masters) or 10 pg. (doctoral) reflection on your own current or future leadership in ministry. Considering how ideas about leadership, religious identity formation, community/networks, digital culture, and the nature and mission of the church shape your thinking about your vocation.
* Due Monday, May 4.

**Grades:**

**Late Participation/Papers:**Because the Canvas discussions depend on the presence of the entire class, participation points will be reduced for late posts. The grade will also be reduced for papers turned in late.  Late papers will not get A or A-.  In the event of extenuating circumstances please contact the instructor prior to their due date.

**Final grades as follows:**

A         94 - 100

A-        91 - 93

B+       89 - 90

B         84 – 88

B-        81 - 83

C+       78 - 80

C         73 - 77

D         63 - 72