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| **Abstract** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| There is a concise summary of   * project’s purpose, * transformational intervention approach, and * findings   (300 words maximum). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Introduction Chapter** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| *Statement of the problem* is clear, realistic, insightful, and well documented. The section   * starts with a concise statement of the issue, * indicates samples of studies related to the problem, and * indicates significance of this particular project in view of previous similar studies or projects |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Statement of purpose* is clear with   * introductory statement of project intent, * a primary research question followed by supporting questions that guide the project, and * summary of a transformational strategy designed to improve people’s lives, communities, organizations, and/or cultures. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Definitions section* include key words and terms relevant to the project with documentation for each (should not include commonly understood words and phrases). |  |  |  |  |  |
| The *Stakeholders and Audience* section includes   * beneficiaries of the project, * people who helped develop and/or implement the project, and * audience who will read the project report. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The *Integration with Dimensions of Transformational Leadership* section provides   * specific definitions of the perspectives from BGU content and possibly other sources and * clear descriptions of how the project demonstrates one or more of the perspectives. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Scope and limitations* of the project have been carefully considered including   * possibly selecting only some aspects of a problem, * limited sample size, barriers to collecting data, limited funding, site issues, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chapter ends with a conclusion section that include a *summary and transition sentence* towards next chapter |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Context Chapter** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| *Context* of problem is clear and relevant, which describes   * the people (history, worldview, values, beliefs, demography, etc)., * other local contextual facts that shed light on the problem addressed (location, geography, infrastructures, etc.), * the current situation as related to the problem, * the transformational significance of the project for organizations, communities, cultures, etc.   The chapter begins with an introductory paragraph and concludes with a summary paragraph. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Literature Review** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| 1. *Introductory paragraph* briefly and clearly summarizes the conceptual framework of the project. 2. Chapter is *organized thematically* based on components of the theoretical framework with relevant literature discussed in each section, rather than a “book report” style. 3. Chapter includes good representation of literature *generated from authors within the student’s context*. 4. The sections show good integration of relevant conceptual models and principles from other disciplines. 5. Chapter ends with *conclusions paragraph* that clearly summarizes how the various conceptual components relate to the project along with a transition into the next chapter. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Theological Reflections Chapter** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| The chapter begins with an introductory paragraph introducing the biblical principles addressed and ends with a good summary of the biblical principles and application to the project.  The theological chapter is not a sermon or Bible teaching lesson. The chapter provides a clear discussion of biblical principles relevant to the project with   * Good application of Scriptures without an *eisegesis* approach * Good inclusion of relevant content from various respected theologians, Bible scholars, and transformational practitioners. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Research Methodology & Transformational Strategies** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| Chapter begins with an *introductory paragraph* indicating the purpose of the research and the primary research question being answered. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Research method* *section includes*   * definition of the selected method based on respected sources in research methodology with comparison to other methods and * rationale showing why the selected method is best suited to answering the research questions for the project. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Sampling methods section includes*   * definition of the selected sampling method based on respected sources in research methodology with rationale for selecting this method, * indication of how representative the sample is or is not of the population being studied based on the particular research method used, and * size and demographic information regarding the members of the sample. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Data-gathering strategies* are clearly identified with purposes and rationales for each as related to the research questions for the project. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *The practical, transformational strategy includes*   * good planning, * detailed descriptions of action steps used to implement the plan in a realistic time frame, and * clear discussion of how this strategy relates to the problem statement and how it is designed to bring about transformation in a community, organization, culture, etc.   (The actual results of implementing the strategy are discussed in the results chapter 4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| *The evaluation section includes*   * description of the evaluation methods/approach used to determine the validity of collected data using triangulation whenever possible, and * description of the evaluation method used to measure the effectiveness of the transformational strategy based on analysis of feedback from participants and observations of the researcher/facilitator of the project.   (The actual results of the evaluation are report in the results chapter 4.) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The *Ethical Issues section includes*   * steps taken to insure protection and confidentiality for each participant in the project, * description of any consent forms used, and * identification of any vulnerable populations involved and/or sensitive information researched, which required approval from the BGU Institutional Research Board (IRB). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Findings and Results Chapter** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| *Results of data collection* are clearly demonstrated using methods such as tables, charts, and graphs to clearly display findings with in-depth analysis. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Results of the transformational strategy* are clearly described in detail showing   * how the strategy has been used to begin a process to address the project’s problem statement and * of how people, communities, and/or organizations have begun a process of ongoing transformation as a result of the project. |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Results of evaluation methods* include discussion of   * validity of data collected using methods such as triangulation, and * feedback received from participants in terms of the effectiveness of the transformation strategy |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Discussion and Conclusions** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| The d*iscussion* chapter includes:   * summary of findings in terms of answering the research questions, * summary of the effectiveness of the transformational strategy as related to addressing the problem defined in the project, * summary of validity and trustworthiness of the project, * significance and implications such as  -personal/professional/cultural insights  -theological insights  -effective communication strategies discovered  -replicability of the project  -role of the student’s PLC, * recommendations & specific future action steps.   The discussion chapter begin with an introductory paragraph and ends with a concluding statement summarizing the project. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Mechanics of Writing** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| Chapters are logically organized using relevant subheadings, introductory and summary statements, and a professional writing format (APA preferred and Turabian accepted for DMin and others by permission). |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is evidence of critical thinking with logical academic arguments that include claims, reasons, reliable documentation, and discussion of opposing claims utilizing culturally relevant sources from expert scholars and practitioners. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The writing uses correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling with well-organized sentences that clearly communicate intended meaning. |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is appropriate documentation throughout the project using reliable sources with no plagiarism. |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one-third of the documentation is provided from sources generated within the students’ context. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Professional Practitioner Standards** | **Excellent** | **Strong** | **Adequate** | **Weak** | **Inadequate** |
| Discussion of data demonstrates ethical protection of human subjects. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overall focus of the project demonstrates the culmination and results of the student’s educational process at BGU with practical, culturally relevant implementation of holistic, transformational leadership principles. |  |  |  |  |  |

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