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Book or article with one author

Many Evangelical churches in Brazil are starting social programs such as homes for street children in favelas (Grigg 109).

Grigg states that a majority of the churches in São Paulo favelas are "Pentecostal, particularly Assemblies of God" (109).

"God's purposes cannot be separated from His creation" (Munyon 235).

Book or article with two or more authors *List all names. Optionally, use "et al." for more than 3 authors.*

Social science research can be a useful source of information for identifying ministry opportunities within a people group (Conn and Ortiz 256).

Columbus underestimated the distance of a western route to India by 400 percent (Kishlansky, Geary, and O'Brien 354).

The Romans adopted much from Greek art, literature, rhetoric and thought (Noble et al. 158-159).

Two or more books from separate authors

Both books describe evangelism and mission as important aspects of worship in the church (Best 77; Liesch 165).

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Demand for ivory for religious practices is a main cause for increased elephant poaching ("Report Says Religion" 22).

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Church planters' goals will determine what type of church planting model they follow (Steffen, "Selecting a Church" 366).

In *Monet and His World*, Cogniat says Monet's eye problems began with an accident in 1900 (117).

Lewis suggests that the original works of great authors are often easier to understand than modern critiques of these authors (*God in the Dock* 200).

Citing a source with no page number *Such as websites, videos, audio recordings, etc.*

X-ray technology allows scientists to read scrolls excavated from an ancient library destroyed by Mount Vesuvius (Webb).

Fox says, "it is impossible to experience true peace without integrity."

Citing the Bible *If you use the same translation for all scripture references, list the translation only in the first citation.*

Paul says, "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise" (*New International Version*, I Cor. 1:27).

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