**Discussion Board Forum Instructions**

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, you are required to create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. The first discussion board is an introduction video. For the following forums, each thread must be a minimum of 600 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, you are required to reply to at least 2 classmates’ threads with a minimum of 300 words. Each thread and reply, in total, must contain multiple references from your readings and a biblical reference. Current APA format required.

In addition, you are strongly urged to *personalize* your discussion board entries. The School of Communication & Digital Content operates on the foundational belief that all subject matter should relate to your individual lives, your personal vision for your future, and your LAL (Life after Liberty). The instructors are encouraged to give major consideration to those submissions that emphasize a personal like to the subject matter.

For each forum, read the assigned readings and watch and associated videos or readings. Then complete the following requirements.

Threads will contribute to a richer engagement with the material. They are designed to advance your understanding and substantiate connections that will further your research.

Responses are designed to enhance your integrated thinking capacities while providing meaningful feedback to your peers.

**Thread**

Provide clear, concise, and supported answers to the following for the assigned readings this week. This is not a synthesis essay. Distinct headings that identify each of the answers are expected.

1. *Five key ideas:* Identify and explain five key ideas that play a significant role in the reading(s). Explanations must be clearly supported from the work itself.
2. *Contribution to the field:* In your own words, explain the overall contribution and value of these ideas to the study and practice of (digital) communication.
3. *Contribution to your work:* Explain the contribution and value of two of the ideas to your research area of interest.

TOTAL Word Count for the thread: a minimum of 600 words.