

This course will use a number of journaling activities. The purpose of these is to create space for you to reflect carefully and organize your thoughts. A good journal entry for this course should be:

1. **HONEST.** Your own honest thoughts and reflections are more important than what you think might impress the teacher. After the activity, discuss some of the statements with your conversation partner(s).
2. **REFLECTIVE.** Journals are a space to reflect on who God is, who we are, and what the world is really like. Careful thought is more important than quick answers.
3. **CREATIVE.** Feel free to experiment with form and include images, poetry, dialogue, or fresh questions that arise as you reflect.
4. **ELOQUENT.** Do not settle for quick summaries—work to unfold your thoughts in clear and accurate language.