



TRAINING LEADERS FOR CHRIST

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# Welcome to TELL



*Hello! I'm Pastor Nate Seiltz, Director of TELL.*

**TELL trains leaders for Christ.** TELL is our name and represents the **TELL Method**—**Think, Evaluate, Learn, and Lead**. TELL brings the real gospel to English-speakers around the world. Online students complete Self-Study Courses, participate in LIVE TELL Courses with theologically-trained TELL Instructors, and lead Growth Groups in their own communities. As the director of TELL Network, I am privileged to lead a team of missionaries, teachers, video producers, and digital marketing specialists all using their gifts and talents to provide a digital platform to train leaders for Christ. TELL reaches as many people as possible who are searching for more meaning in their lives, who are spiritually lost and seeking peace. TELL reaches potential students using social media and trains leaders using the latest technology. TELL, a program of Multi-Language Productions (MLP), invests significant resources to continue enhancing the TELL Program and managing an increasing number of TELL students from across the globe.

**TELL training provides a thorough understanding of how to easily share the gospel in an effective, and repeatable way.**

Advanced TELL students are assigned a TELL Counselor to provide practical applications that are culturally appropriate, as well as encourage students as they learn to shepherd souls in their own communities. TELL student leaders are equipped to multiply churches.

**As you read the following pages, you'll learn details of how—through the TELL platform—we develop relationships with online students, national pastors, lay workers, and volunteers as we continue to grow God's kingdom.**

I would never have imagined sitting at my desk at the seminary decades ago that I would be part of reaching millions with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is amazing how God has put this opportunity before me, drawing on my experience as a pastor, world missionary, teacher, and school administrator. I experienced the joy of teaching the very first TELL class and I am blessed by my relationships to the students and the entire TELL team.

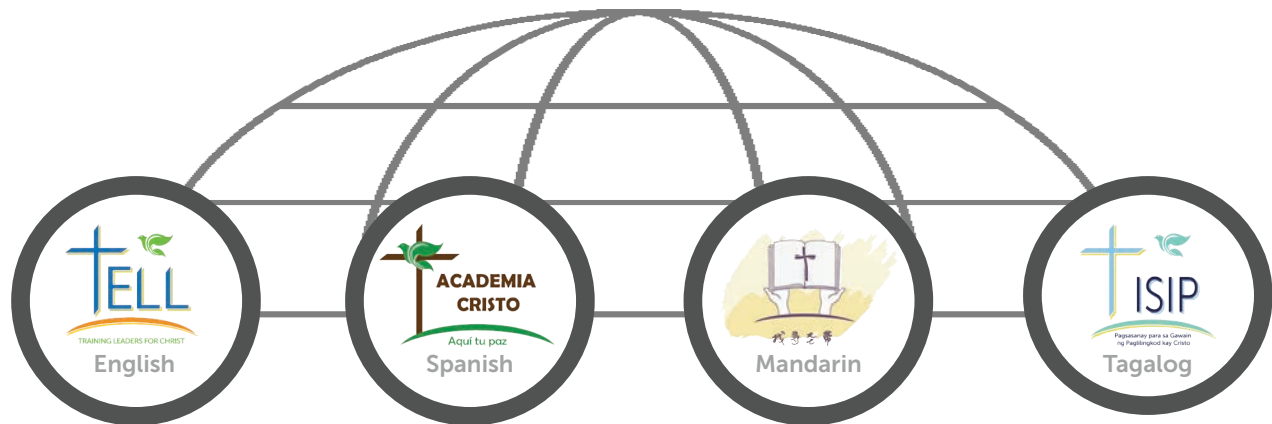
***Welcome to TELL!***

# Reaching the Lost

**TELL Network combines a unique and comprehensible method of online instruction.**

The letters T, E, L, L, represent the TELL Method. TELL students use the TELL Method–Think, Evaluate, Learn and Lead to share the gospel with others as they are guided through the TELL Program. TELL Network encompasses platforms in English (TELL), Spanish (Academia Cristo), Mandarin (找尋聖帶), and Tagalog (ISIP).

## TELL Network



### TELL English Training Leaders for Christ

TELL is training leaders for Christ using widely accessible tools like WhatsApp, YouTube, and Zoom. TELL (English) also provides online #TELLtalk devotions, #TELL topics videos, Bible stories, Podcasts and worship music as helpful downloadable resources for TELL group leaders to use as they lead Growth Groups and worship services.

### TELL Spanish Academia Cristo

The purpose of Academia Cristo is to bring the gospel to homes in Latin America, making disciples through biblical instruction so they can bring the good news of Jesus Christ to others. Academia Cristo wants everyone to know Jesus Christ as their only Savior.

### TELL Mandarin (找尋聖帶)

TELL Mandarin is primarily being used as a recruitment tool to discover people who may be interested in becoming students in the Asia Lutheran Seminary (ALS) program. The three TELL Mandarin self-study courses-based off the English versions-are offered to Mandarin speakers on various social media platforms. The bilingual-English and Mandarin-website provides Bible studies, children's materials, films and the TELL Mandarin beginner level courses. Committed students are encouraged to move into higher level curriculum offered through ALS.

### TELL Tagalog (ISIP)

Modeled after TELL, ISIP is an E-learning program–promoted through Facebook–that teaches basic truths from God's Word to prepare Filipino students to be able to share the good news of Jesus with others in their native language. The ISIP method of teaching is the same as the English counterpart TELL. Filipino national pastors in fellowship with WELS are teaching live online classes in Tagalog via Zoom. Their knowledge of biblical languages, history, and world religions serve them well as they reach the lost throughout southeast Asia through the ISIP online platform.

We teach you, so you can **TELL** others.

## What We Produce

In addition to Facebook, TELL staff and volunteers produce culturally appropriate content for English speakers around the world through other social media platforms including Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. TELL also reaches global English speakers by partnering with Lutheran pastors from national churches with whom WELS shares fellowship. The TELL online platform often uncovers church leadership prospects through online engagement. By partnering with local pastors, TELL staff can connect these online contacts with the appropriate national pastor in their local area.

## How We Connect

Even in places that do not have consistent electricity, data shows that most people own a smart phone. The TELL mobile-first website makes it easy for anyone to learn the saving message of the gospel using whatever device they have available to them. TELL staff, volunteers and missionaries connect with students with Facebook Messenger and/or WhatsApp to keep in touch and build on-going relationships.

## What You Can Do

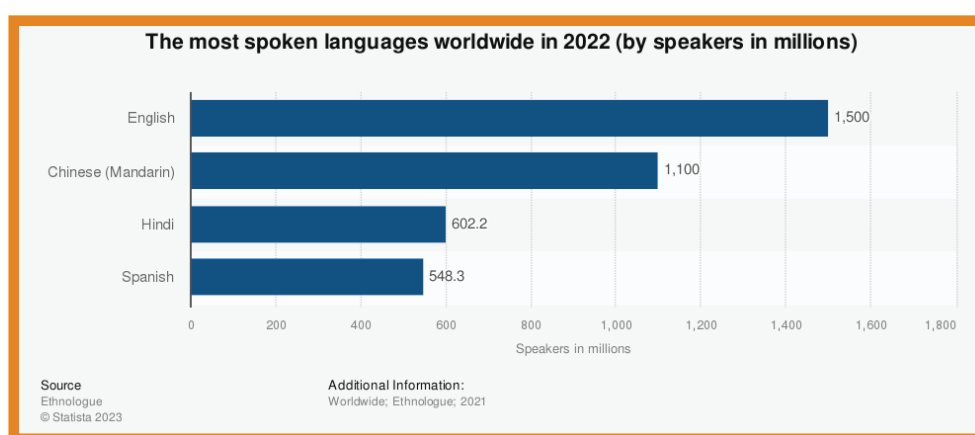
In addition to a mobile-first website, both TELL English and TELL Spanish (Academia Cristo) offer Self-Study courses that can be completed using an interactive WhatsApp chat. These Self-Study lessons include accompanying quizzes to check for understanding. The Self-Study Courses begin with a basic level of instruction. As a result, new TELL Students do not need any experience with Christianity, or religious study. If a student has never opened a Bible, the Self-Study Courses are the perfect place to start. For those students with a background in Christianity or religion, the beginner courses are effective refresher courses.

After a student completes the Self-Study Courses, he or she is invited to participate in LIVE Courses for further in-depth, real-time instruction with a TELL Instructor.

# Other Resources

## For TELL Network students

**TELL Training Leaders for Christ YouTube channel** provides students access to #TELLtalk devotions and faith-based films. On the TELL website, our FAQ section provides answers ranging from common questions about the TELL platform to questions about faith and what it means to be a Christian. TELL Topics are available as additional content on the website on subjects such as Evolution. TELL Podcasts provide audio sermons from WELS pastors from both the U.S. and Africa. All of these digital resources are easy to download and share with others.



## Multi-Language Productions

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) is a group of more than 340,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation'" (Mark 16:15). Multi-Language Productions (MLP), an arm of WELS World Missions, has created more than 2.9 million video, audio, and print materials and continues to broaden its library of Christian resources. TELL Network, a program of MLP, is reaching even more of the lost with the saving message of the gospel.

Far beyond publishing books, the expanding ministry of Multi-Language Productions (MLP) creates online Christian content to include new websites, podcasts, worship music, social media platforms, and TELL Network—all to expand gospel ministry in places where there is no current Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) presence. MLP is continually harnessing new technology to find new ways to reach the lost with the saving message of the gospel. TELL Network uses the latest digital messaging and online communication to grow a network of Christians to plant new churches in fellowship with WELS around the world.

# Introducing the Missionaries

*Serving Christ while staying connected at home and abroad*



## Joel Hoff

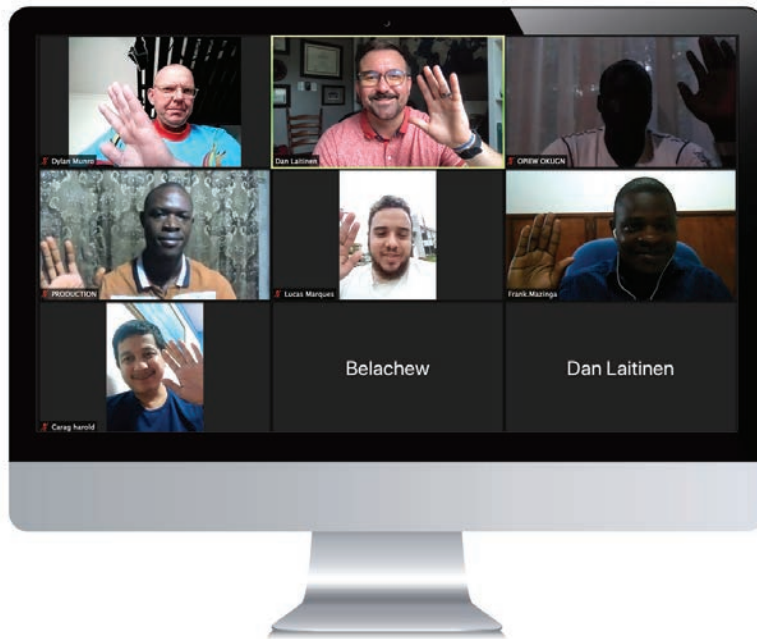
Missionary

Missionary Joel Hoff has a master's degree in theology from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Wisconsin, United States. He joined the TELL Network Team in September 2022 and moved with his family to Zambia in March 2023 to serve as the TELL Missionary to Africa. His past service includes serving as a pastor in congregations in Neenah, Wisconsin, in Renton, Washington, and as a world missionary in Cameroon and Albania. He has been married for 11 years and has 3 very active boys.

*"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21*

# Joining the Faculty

*From Milwaukee to Malawi:  
Our teachers train leaders for Christ*



TELL Network has a faculty of more than twenty instructors who are theologically-trained in the Bible and Lutheran Catechism. TELL depends on its teachers to guide leaders-to-be in the foundational truths needed to share the gospel with those in their community.

Instructors have a love for God's word and his people. They have skills to learn and use new technology in the classroom. They are mission-minded and aware of cross-cultural relationships. Many instructors are full-time pastors and teachers who have years of ministry experience in the United States and around the world.

Most TELL Classes require an average time commitment of 3 hours per week for 6 weeks. Most classes are taught for about 1 hour twice per week for 4 weeks. Between LIVE Classes, TELL Instructors communicate with their students using a WhatsApp group. After classes are complete, the instructor is also responsible for collecting and grading students' final projects. As part of the TELL Faculty, non-missionary instructors are given an honorarium.

TELL Instructors are strongly encouraged to attend a monthly faculty meeting with TELL missionaries. In these meetings, a member of the TELL team leads a 60-minute discussion that includes prayer/devotion, classroom issues, and best practices for online learning.

**If you are interested in teaching for TELL, you are invited to participate in a live orientation with a member of the TELL team**, who will evaluate your readiness and ability to teach. The TELL Registrar provides training materials and video demonstrations to assure the instructor is supported during the entire process.



TELL instructor resources can be found at: [teacher.tellnetwork.org](https://teacher.tellnetwork.org)



# Learning with TELL

*Advancement through the TELL Program is as simple as 1, 2, 3...*



## LEVEL 1

### SELF-STUDY

LEARN  
THE BIBLE  
AT YOUR OWN PACE

*In this level, you will:*

- Complete 3 Self-Study Courses on WhatsApp
- Download and print your Self-Study Certificate
- Receive an invitation to join LIVE Zoom Courses



## LEVEL 2

### DISCIPLESHIP

JOIN LIVE ZOOM  
COURSES WITH  
TELL INSTRUCTORS

*In this level, you will:*

- Complete 13 TELL Courses LIVE via Zoom
- Meet TELL students from around the world
- Connect with theologically-trained TELL Instructors



## LEVEL 3

### MULTIPLICATION

LEARN SKILLS  
TO SHEPHERD  
YOUR COMMUNITY

*In this level, you will:*

- Complete 7 Advanced Courses LIVE via Zoom
- Work closely with a personal TELL Counselor
- Gather a Growth Group in your local area

## Why learn with TELL?

Our instructors use the pure Word of God with nothing added or taken away.

Our instructors have extensive knowledge of biblical languages, history, world religion and more. It's their job to teach you the truth of the Bible and answer your personal questions about faith and religion.

TELL also gives you the unique opportunity to advance your studies and train to become a certified TELL Bible Leader.



# "How do I begin?" Becoming a Student

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## Level 1: SELF-STUDY COURSES

**Self-Study is a series of recorded videos and quizzes that TELL students can complete on their own, at their own pace.**

TELL offers multiple ways to complete Self-Study Courses. TELL students can complete Self-Study in a way that works with the technology they have available. Click below for more information.



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**After completing Self-Study Courses, TELL students are given a certificate to recognize their faithful study.**

## What comes next?

After completing Self-Study Courses, TELL students are invited to sign up for LIVE TELL Courses.

This invitation includes:

- A link to view a Welcome to Discipleship Level video
- A link to view a LIVE Class Orientation video
- A link to join a WhatsApp Group for your first LIVE Course: *Work of the Savior*, beginning that week

*“I’m ready to join LIVE.”*

# Joining the Community

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## Level 2: DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Level is made up of 13 TELL Courses

- *The Bible: In the Beginning*
- *The Bible: The Chosen Nation*
- *The Bible: The Fallen Nation*
- *The Bible: The Coming of the Savior*
- *The Bible: The Work of the Savior*
- *The Bible: The Christian Church*
- *Jesus’ Teachings: The Ten Commandments*
- *Jesus’ Teachings: The True God*
- *Jesus’ Teachings: The Sacraments and Prayer*
- *Fellowship: Legalism: Enemy of Grace*
- *Fellowship: Spiritual Identification*
- *The Word Grows: Living As a Disciple*
- *The Word Grows: Disciples Make Disciples*

New TELL students are enrolled in *The Bible: The Work of the Savior* as their first TELL LIVE Course. When TELL students join a TELL Class, they are able to interact in real-time with their TELL Instructor and classmates. TELL students can participate by answering questions during class, either aloud or by using the chat. Each lesson is about 1 hour long and there are two lessons per week for 4 weeks.

Class recordings are also available for those who cannot join LIVE. TELL students are asked to send study guide



answers to their TELL Instructor after viewing the recording to earn credit for class.

TELL students receive class communication in a WhatsApp group. Here, they will receive study guides and pre-class videos, and they will be able to interact directly with their TELL Instructor and classmates.

TELL students are required to submit a Final Project to continue in the TELL Program, earn credit for each course, and receive additional certificates. Instructors are available to assist TELL students as they complete their Final Projects.

TELL students in Discipleship Level are given an Academic Record that displays their progress in the TELL Program. This can be viewed at any time on the Student Information System or a PDF copy can be requested via WhatsApp.

If TELL students need to take a break from class for any reason, they are free to do so. They may request to rejoin class at any time without losing progress in the curriculum.

After completing 8 LIVE Courses, the TELL student will be connected with a personal TELL Counselor who will mentor them as they begin gathering a

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group in their community. TELL Counselors work closely with the student to encourage them through the rest of the Discipleship Level and help them enter Multiplication Level. The TELL Counselor and TELL student work together to discuss points of doctrine and form a strategy to begin gathering a group. If a student enters *doctrinal agreement* and has gathered a group of at least 10 for Bible study, the Counselor will advise them about moving toward Multiplication Level.

## Extracurriculars in Discipleship

There are opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian encouragement outside of the regular TELL classroom and WhatsApp groups! TELL Plus events happen regularly - about once or twice a month for sixty minutes or more. They are special teachings and presentations on Zoom by guest speakers. The topics range from church history, current events, complex teachings and more. Special events for Christmas and Easter or other Christian holidays are also offered. They are great events to be encouraged, make friends, ask questions and grow in faith. These events are advertised on the TELL Bulletin Board group.

The TELL Bulletin Board WhatsApp group is open to all students who have completed "The Bible: Work of the Savior". Here the student body receives regular updates, encouragements, and invitations to TELL Plus events. It is an "Admin-Only" group, so students cannot directly reply within the group. They can post reactions and reply privately to the admin if they have questions or comments about the announcements.



# “I want to share this good news with others!”

## Gathering a Group



### Level 3: MULTIPLICATION

Multiplication Level is made up of 7 TELL Courses:

- *The Word Grows: Multiplying Disciples*
- *The Word Grows: Multiplying Churches*
- *The Word Grows: Multiplying Ministers*
- *Let Us Worship 1: The Biblical Principles of Worship*
- *Let Us Worship 2: Worship in Practice*
- *The Epistles*
- *Psalms as a Devotion*

Students attend these courses in a live group class on Zoom with a TELL instructor. At the same time, they will be gathering and teaching a group of their own called a “Growth Group”.

In order to enter the Multiplication level, a TELL student needs to be in doctrinal agreement with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or sister church body. A TELL Counselor can work closely with a student and a church body to achieve doctrinal agreement. This is a process that includes candid conversation about doctrine and practice. If they wish, a student will be asked to subscribe to clear, biblically sound statements that are shared by all WELS missionaries, lay evangelists, pastors and church bodies. The Counselor can help with conversations between the student and sister church body if necessary.



## What is doctrinal agreement and what does it mean?

Christians have doctrinal agreement with all believers. In his high priestly prayer on Maundy Thursday evening, Jesus prayed, “My prayer is not for them alone [the apostles], I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you” (John 17:20,21).

Christians also have doctrinal agreement with others in the visible church as they join in activities by which they express their common faith. Doctrinal agreement is every expression of faith in which Christians join together because they are united by their acceptance and confession of all that the Bible teaches. When we declare that we share with other Christians a unity of faith based on the Bible, when we join with them in activities that express our common faith, we are practicing doctrinal agreement.

We believe that we have doctrinal agreement with all who believe in Christ as their Savior. Yet only God can look into people’s hearts to see if they believe. We must base our practice of doctrinal agreement with others on the confession of faith they make. When people agree on all the teachings of Scripture, they should practice doctrinal agreement together. When they do not agree in doctrine, they should not practice doctrinal agreement.



# Growth Leader Resources

## TELL BIBLE PATHWAY PART 1

When a student is ready to lead a Growth Group, TELL provides student and leader resources: TELL Bible Pathway Part 1 and Part 2.

TELL not only equips leaders in biblical knowledge to lead a Growth Group but also provides resources to use in teaching that group. These resources are called TELL Bible Pathway. It is more than a 2 year resource of Bible lessons for a Growth Group leader. It is divided into two parts called Part 1 and Part 2.

A leader begins teaching TELL Bible Pathway Part 1 with his Growth Group. These are the first Bible classes he teaches his group. The class videos, teacher guides, and student guides can all be found on [tellnetwork.org/leader](http://tellnetwork.org/leader). The expectation is that the leader teaches one lesson per week to his group.

### TELL Bible Pathway Part 1 consists of the following lessons:

- **4 lessons**      *Four Key Concepts (Sin, Grace, Faith, Works)*

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- **8 lessons**      *Jesus' Teachings: The Ten Commandments*

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- **8 lessons**      *Jesus' Teachings: The True God*

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- **8 lessons**      *Jesus' Teachings: Sacraments and Prayer*

Growth Group members who agree with the teaching in TELL Bible Pathway Part 1 can be brought into doctrinal agreement. The leader may ask his group if any are in agreement with what has been taught. The leader can then recognize doctrinal agreement with those group members.

## TELL BIBLE PATHWAY PART 2

After Part 1, the Growth Group leader continues with TELL Bible Pathway Part 2. Many of these lessons are part of the TELL Program with which the leader is familiar. The lesson descriptions can be found in this document under Additional Resources. The class videos, teacher guides and student guides can be found at [tellnetwork.org/leader](http://tellnetwork.org/leader).

### TELL Bible Pathway Part 2 consists of the following lessons:

- *9 lessons*      *The Word Grows: Living as a Disciple*

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- *8 lessons*      *The Bible: Work of the Savior*

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- *8 lessons*      *The Bible: In the Beginning*

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- *8 lessons*      *Forgiveness*

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- *8 lessons*      *The Bible: The Coming of the Savior*

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- *5 lessons*      *Communion*

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- *8 lessons*      *The Bible: The Chosen Nation*

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- *13 lessons*      *Bible Fundamentals*

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- *8 lessons*      *The Bible: The Christian Church*

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- *6 lessons*      *The End Times*

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- *8 lessons*      *The Bible: The Fallen Nation*

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- *9 lessons*      *Legalism: Enemy of Grace*

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- *8 lessons*      *Spiritual Identification*

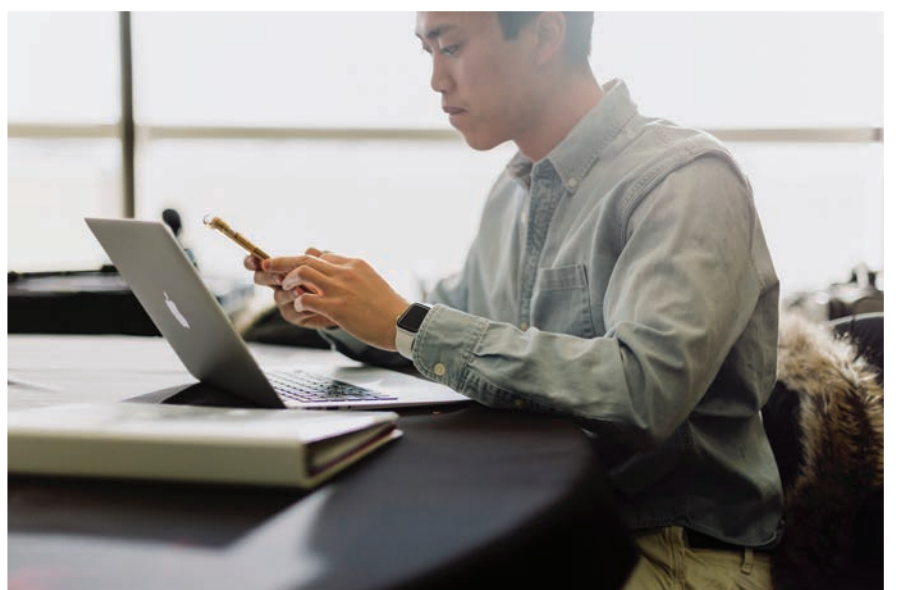
## Worship and Music for Growth Groups



Growth Group leaders are encouraged to meet with their groups regularly for worship and Bible study. Leaders in the TELL Multiplication Level will study two worship courses, where they will learn the biblical meaning of worship and how to conduct a worship service with their group. There is a simple worship service outline on [tellnetwork.org](http://tellnetwork.org) that leaders can use.

Tellnetwork.org also has worship songs and music available for use in worship services. There are many different styles on the site and leaders are encouraged to use them as they think best for their group.





## Biblical Training after finishing the TELL Curriculum

Leaders who desire more training after completing the TELL Multiplication level have two options:

### Attend a Local Seminary

The best option, if available, is to attend a local seminary with whom we are in doctrinal agreement. To become a student in the seminary, the leader would have to satisfy all the enrollment requirements. Each seminary has different enrollment requirements. TELL will help with this enrollment process by communicating with the TELL mission support team or the seminary to assist the leader.

### Become a Student in the Pastoral Studies Institute

If there is no local seminary, then the leader can apply to be student in the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI). PSI stands ready to provide support in the area of higher theological education for TELL students who do not have a local seminary or TELL mission support team. Again, TELL will communicate with the PSI team to facilitate further theological education for the leader.

# Contacting the Team

## How to get in touch with TELL



WhatsApp

New students: +1 (512) 481-8752  
Admissions: +1 (262) 423-1988  
Registrar: +1 (262) 501-4827



Email

[ask@tellnetwork.org](mailto:ask@tellnetwork.org)



Facebook  
Messenger

**TELL: Training Leaders for Christ**



Website

[www.tellnetwork.org](http://www.tellnetwork.org)



TELL English promotional efforts target English speakers outside of the United States and cultivates online relationships using six TELL Facebook pages. Click to go to your page.

### TELL World

[www.facebook.com/TELLTrainingLeadersforChrist](http://www.facebook.com/TELLTrainingLeadersforChrist)

### TELL Africa

[www.facebook.com/TELLAfrica.TrainingLeadersforChrist](http://www.facebook.com/TELLAfrica.TrainingLeadersforChrist)

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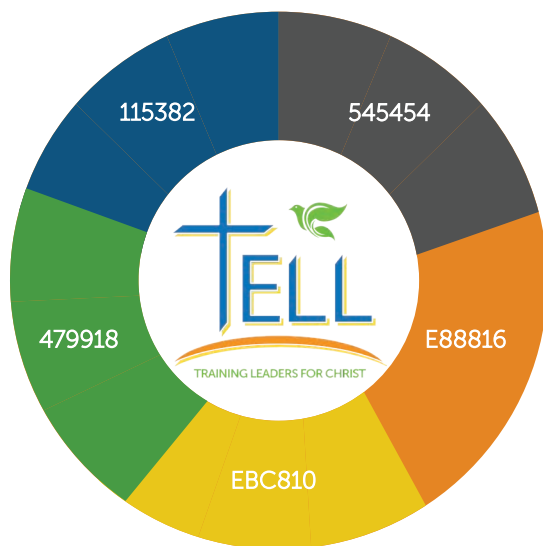
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# Communicating the Mission

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## Word Bank

### OUTWARD:

study  
join  
global  
invited  
free-of-charge  
quiz  
E-learning  
share  
begin studying  
become a student

### INWARD:

faithful study  
attend  
thank you  
shepherd  
help  
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continue  
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study guide  
course materials  
TELL Registrar  
TELL Admissions  
New Student Line

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**A listing of helpful words and phrases to be used in communications about TELL Network.**

- **AUDIENCE:** Men who speak English as a second language, between 25-50 years old, religious
- **CORE MESSAGE:** We teach you, so you can TELL others.
- **USP:** Free LIVE classes, certification, leadership training and guidance

# TELL Dictionary

Term	Definition	Improper Usage
TELL	Used to refer to TELL English, should be used 90% of the time	Any usage of the following 3 terms when simplifying to "TELL" won't impact the message
TELL: Training Leaders for Christ	Used when referring to TELL in a more formal context, or when the subtitle would be helpful to give context to what TELL is and does	Any usage when you could simply use, "TELL" without impacting the message
TELL Network	Used when referring to the umbrella over English, Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, and future platforms from MLP	Any usage when you could simply use, "TELL" without impacting the message
TELL English	Used when needed to differentiate from Spanish, Mandarin, and Tagalog	Any usage when you could simply use, "TELL" without impacting the message
TELL Program	Used when referring to the entirety of TELL - all 3 levels, may be preceded by the word "the"	Curriculum, TELL curriculum
TELL Instructor(s)	Used when referring to an individual or multiple individuals who actively teach TELL classes on Zoom to TELL students, often preceded by the words "theologically-trained"	Instructors, TELL teachers, teachers, theologically trained (without the hyphen), seminary trained, seminary-trained, thoroughly trained
TELL Faculty	Used when referring to all TELL Instructors - active and inactive, may use common noun, lowercase "teachers" in a casual context	TELL Instructors, TELL Teachers
LIVE TELL Course(s)	Used when referring to a course or courses as a whole (all 8/9 lessons together)	Live/live TELL Course(s) (LIVE should be all caps)
LIVE TELL Class(es)	Used when referring to a class or classes separate from the Course as a whole	Live/live TELL Class(es) (LIVE should be all caps), lessons, sessions
TELL Method	Used when referring to the Think, Evaluate, Learn, Lead structure, may be preceded by the word "the", may be followed by a double dash and the 4 words with commas EX: TELL Method–Think, Evaluate, Leard, Lead	TELL training method, TELL method (Method should be capitalized), TELL Method of study
Self-Study Courses	Used to refer to the 27 videos and 3 quizzes that must be completed before a student can progress in the TELL Program	Self-Study, self-study, Self-Study videos, beginner Self-Study Courses, beginner videos
TELL students	Used to refer to the student body as a whole	students
TELL Counselor	Used to refer to the individual assigned to a student after s/he has completed 8 courses in Discipleship	Counselor, mentor, TELL mentor
Growth Group	Used to refer to the group gathered by a student in late Discipleship/Multiplication	Study group, Bible study, church, ministry

# Additional Resources

## TELL Lesson Descriptions



Course Name	Description	Lessons
<b>Introduction Beginner Level: Self-Study</b>		
<p><b>Spiritual Healing: Course 1</b></p>	<p>When you hurt, you want relief! Pain isn't just physical. Emotional hurts need healing too. Our world is filled with people who are suffering from anxiety, depression, and many other emotional hurts. There's help! Are quick fixes available? Yes! But, for lasting emotional health, you need to learn the causes of your pain. The Spiritual Healing Course will teach you the truth about why you feel the way you do. Truth brings peace.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To prepare for the lesson, read John 8:1-11. Broken relationships will cause an imbalance in your life. The most important relationship of all? Your relationship with God.</li> <li>2. To prepare for the lesson, read Genesis 22:1-18. No matter how hard we try, we still do things every day that are not pleasing to God. Do you fear God? Jesus means there's no reason to be afraid.</li> <li>3. To prepare for the lesson, read 1 Samuel 17:1-47. Do you ignore God? When you recognize your own sinful pride, you can heal. Jesus makes a way to enjoy a closer relationship with God.</li> <li>4. To prepare for the lesson, read Luke 10:25-37. Are you looking for someone to make you happy? A healthy relationship with yourself is important and means healing can happen—with God's help.</li> <li>5. To prepare for the lesson, read Luke 19:1-10. In today's culture, it's easy to be selfish and greedy, but does this really bring true happiness? A faithful attitude is the path to healing.</li> <li>6. To prepare for the lesson, read Matthew 26:69-75. Do you regret things you've done? We are far from perfect. Healing happens when you look beyond our earthly life, to eternal life!</li> <li>7. To prepare for the lesson, read Genesis 4:1-16. Broken relationships are fuel for conflict and hate. No matter what we've done wrong, God loves and forgives us. We will heal when we forgive others too.</li> <li>8. To prepare for the lesson, read Acts 16:26-40. Healing relationships can be hard work, but the right attitude can make a big change in our relationships with others.</li> <li>9. To prepare for the lesson read John 20:1-10. Do you ever feel alone? We can go forward confidently with spiritual healing: a restored relationship with God, ourselves and others.</li> </ol>	<p><b>9</b></p>

Course Name	Description	Lessons
<p><b>Truth Brings Peace: Course 2</b></p>	<p>Are you at peace with God? Are you at peace with yourself? The world tells us that we should trust ourselves, or depend on earthly things, or people for contentment. What is the best way to find lasting peace? You'll find out in the Truth Brings Peace Course. Truth brings peace.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To prepare for the lesson, read John 8:1-11. Broken relationships will cause an imbalance in your life. The most important relationship of all? Your relationship with God.</li> <li>2. To prepare for the lesson, read John 18:28-40. How do the truths of the Bible apply to today's politics and culture? Find out why the inspired Word of God is timeless and relevant in your life.</li> <li>3. To prepare for the lesson, read Luke 16:19-31. Heading to heaven is a lot like going on a road trip. You have to know which road to take and pay attention to the signs along the way.</li> <li>4. To prepare for the lesson, read Mark 2:1-12. In today's culture we may think money, things, or education will bring contentment. True peace is waiting for you!</li> <li>5. To prepare for the lesson, read Acts 8:26-40. Reading the Bible can be confusing at first. However, Scripture, in and of itself, has the power to bring you peace.</li> <li>6. To prepare for the lesson, read Luke 14:15-23. You are invited to God's great banquet!</li> <li>7. To prepare for the lesson, read Acts 7:54-8:4. You are chosen by God! You are worthy! You are special! Find out why.</li> <li>8. To prepare for the lesson, read Acts 9:1-19. The world tells us we're okay without God. Is this really true? God has a great plan and purpose for your best life!</li> <li>9. To prepare for the lesson, read Luke 10:38-42. God invites us to know him above all things. You will be blessed and be a blessing to others seeking peace.</li> </ol>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>Introduction to the Bible: Course 3</b></p>	<p>Do you know God? Do you want to know God more? Why do so many people, still today, discuss the Bible? You'll find out in the Introduction to the Bible Course. Truth brings peace.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To prepare for the lesson, read Acts 17:16-34. Can we know God on our own, without the Bible? Many people who question the truths of the Bible, have never read it. Find out how God speaks to us today.</li> <li>2. To prepare for the lesson, read John 18:38-20:9. Find out what makes Jesus so special that he is called the Savior of the world by Christians around the globe.</li> <li>3. To prepare for the lesson, read Jeremiah 36:1-32. Who wrote the Bible? Many say the Bible is God's words. But, the Bible was written by men. Find out how the Bible can be both God's writing and man's writing.</li> <li>4. To prepare for the lesson, read Luke 24:13-35. God can be present in your life today. Find out if there is any evidence that the Bible is truly the inspired Word of God.</li> </ol>	<p><b>9</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. To prepare for the lesson, read 1 Kings 18:16-40. There are thousands of religions in the world. It can be confusing. We'll explain how to know which religion is true.</li> <li>6. To prepare for the lesson, read Genesis 1-3. The past can give us lessons for the present and guide us for the future. History may tell us who we are, but can it tell us who we are to become?</li> <li>7. To prepare for the lesson, read Exodus 1-3. Do you feel you're not special enough to receive God's favor? Do you ever feel afraid to trust God? Find out how to trust Jesus—the Savior all of humankind.</li> <li>8. To prepare for the lesson, read 1 Samuel 8. People in our lives, leaders of our communities, our bosses, our family members will always let us down. God will never let us down.</li> <li>9. To prepare for the lesson, read Matthew 17:1-8. To know the Bible; is to know Jesus. Learn how to care for the precious gift of faith.</li> </ol>	

**Level 1: Discipleship Instructor-led Bible Study**

<p><b>The Bible: In the Beginning</b></p>	<p>In this Course, we will learn the principles of everything: creation, the human race, the plan of salvation and the origins of the people of Israel.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is nothing that can resist the creative power of God's Word. In this lesson you'll learn, from Genesis chapter one, how it all began.</li> <li>2. Man was made for the purpose of governing creation and taking care of it. God created man in a very special way. In this lesson, you'll learn how God created man and woman.</li> <li>3. What happened to God's perfect world? In this lesson, we'll learn how God's world was lost by the disobedience of Adam and Eve. They went against God by not following his command.</li> <li>4. The disobedience of Adam and Eve brought sin and death into the world. In this lesson, we'll learn how God calls Noah to preserve his creation.</li> <li>5. God did not leave his creation without hope. In this lesson, we'll learn more about God's promise of a Savior.</li> <li>6. Noah's descendants fell into sin and glorified themselves instead of God. In this lesson, we'll learn how God put a stop to their sinful pride and separated the people to resettle in different places around the world.</li> <li>7. God promises Abraham and Sarah a son. Isaac was born and God asked Abraham to make a difficult sacrifice. In this lesson, you'll learn how God always keeps his promises as we trust fully in him.</li> <li>8. In this lesson, we'll learn the story of Isaac's two twin sons, Esau and Jacob. The result of not trusting God's promises applies to us even today.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>
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<p><b>The Bible: The Chosen Nation</b></p>	<p>In this Old Testament Course, we will see how God made a great nation out of the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God saved them from Egypt, gave them laws, dominion over the promised land, and blessed them through wise leaders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moses was a faithful leader of God’s people. In this lesson, you’ll learn how God chose Moses to lead his people in worship and to bring his people back to the land he had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.</li> <li>2. In this lesson, you’ll learn about the Passover festival that helped God’s people remember how God had freed them from slavery in Egypt.</li> <li>3. God showed his great power by sending ten plagues to Egypt. In this lesson, God’s people will witness God’s presence again. At Mount Sinai, the Israelites hear the voice of God and are filled with fear. And there, they receive another sign of God’s covenant with them.</li> <li>4. God led Moses to a high mountain to see the Promised Land. But, on that mountain Moses died. In this lesson, you’ll learn how God appointed Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River to The Promised Land.</li> <li>5. In this lesson, you’ll learn about the difficult times known as the Judges. The Israelites were unfaithful to the true God. Although the Israelites had acquired the land as God promised, many of them did not worship God, or love him fully.</li> <li>6. God’s people, once again, face some very tough times. In this lesson, you’ll learn the story of David and Goliath. Things that seem impossible are possible with God.</li> <li>7. King David ruled Israel between the time of Abraham and Jesus. In this lesson, you’ll learn more about a high point in Israel’s history. David was a great king and a humble example of faith in the true God.</li> <li>8. In this lesson, you’ll learn about King Solomon and the building and blessing of the temple of God.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>The Bible: The Fallen Nation</b></p>	<p>In this Course, you’ll learn about idolatry and the disobedience of God’s people and the consequences. The kingdom was divided. Powerful enemies were approaching. Would God remain faithful to his promises? Would a remnant survive? And, most importantly, would the promised Messiah come?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During Old Testament times, many of the Israelites turned their backs on God. Unbelievers and false teachers were everywhere. In this lesson, you’ll learn how God protected Elijah and miraculously provided for his needs during a time of drought.</li> <li>2. In this lesson, you’ll learn more from the Old Testament as the Prophet Elijah becomes frustrated as the people reject the truth and even persecute him.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. In the southern kingdom of Judah, about seven hundred years before Christ, Hezekiah was the king of Judah. In this lesson, you'll learn that unlike Ahab, Hezekiah was a God-fearing king who placed his hope in the Lord.</li> <li>4. God continued to send prophets with a warning message to "Repent!" One of these prophets was Jeremiah. In this lesson, you'll learn more from the Old Testament as the people continue to ignore God's warning.</li> <li>5. In this Old Testament lesson, you'll learn details of Daniel, a remnant among the Jewish people held captive in Babylonia under the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylonia.</li> <li>6. Ester was chosen as queen to the Persian King Xerxes. Ester was Jewish. She kept her ethnicity a secret. In this lesson, you'll learn details of the story in the book of Ester.</li> <li>7. After seventy years of captivity, a part of the people returned to Jerusalem. They had returned to their land, but, sadly, they did not return to the Lord. In this lesson, you'll learn how God sent Ezra to bring his people back to faith.</li> <li>8. Nehemiah came to know that Jerusalem had not been rebuilt since the Babylonians destroyed it. In this lesson, you'll learn the details of how he was determined to help.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>The Bible: The Coming of the Savior</b></p>	<p>In this Course we will study the arrival of God's Anointed One to the earth and the principles of Jesus' ministry.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God fulfilled his promise to save the world. In this lesson, you'll learn how God sent his angel messenger to Mary.</li> <li>2. There are many customs and additional details added to the story of Jesus' birth in today's culture. In this lesson you'll learn what Scripture says about the actual events that took place at the birth of Jesus.</li> <li>3. Who were the wise men? In this lesson you'll learn what the Bible says about the wise men. How many were there and how did they worship and honor the newly born Savior of the world?</li> <li>4. Who was John the Baptist? In this lesson, you'll learn how John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of Jesus.</li> <li>5. In this lesson, you'll learn how Jesus called his first disciples and what Jesus did as his first miracle to show that he was the promised Savior.</li> <li>6. Nicodemus is an important figure in the Bible. In this lesson, you'll learn the story of the Pharisee, Nicodemus, and the spiritual truths that Jesus taught him.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. In this lesson you'll learn about how Jesus showed his love to people that believed in him and to people that rejected him.</li> <li>8. Jesus showed his divine authority and compassion as he traveled throughout the region of Galilee. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the saving message Jesus proclaimed throughout the land.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>The Bible: The Work of the Savior</b></p>	<p>In this Course we will focus on the week when the Son of God gave his life for us and resumed it on the third day.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In this lesson, you'll learn the story of a paralyzed man brought to Jesus by friends who trusted Jesus to heal him. To the surprise of everyone, Jesus not only heals the man but performs a greater miracle: he forgives the man's sins.</li> <li>2. Jesus and his disciples were teaching and helping a large crowd of people. The time came when all the people were hungry with little food to be found. In this lesson, you learn how Jesus used this opportunity to strengthen his disciples.</li> <li>3. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem the Sunday before the Passover. In this lesson, you'll learn about how the people received Jesus by singing with joy and placing branches and robes before the king's path.</li> <li>4. In this lesson, you'll learn the events of the Passover meal and how Jesus gives a wonderful gift to his disciples.</li> <li>5. After celebrating the Passover, and establishing Holy Communion, Jesus takes his disciples to Gethsemane. In this lesson, you'll learn the events that followed in the garden of Gethsemane.</li> <li>6. On Golgotha the prophecies about the suffering of the Messiah were fulfilled. In this lesson, you'll learn how Jesus suffers at the hands of ungodly men yet still had love even for those who led him to die on the cross.</li> <li>7. Jesus suffers for the guilty, all people. His death would pay for all the sins of the world. In this lesson, you'll learn how Jesus, the righteous one, dies among the guilty to bring life to them by his death.</li> <li>8. The death of Jesus was painful for many. Even though the people had been clearly warned Jesus would rise from the dead, they were not expecting it. In this lesson, you'll learn how good news can be overlooked.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>The Bible: The Christian Church</b></p>	<p>In this Course, you'll learn about the obstacles the disciples faced in carrying out the great mission instructed by the Savior. The lessons learned by missionary journeys in Scripture can be applied to evangelism today.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Before ascending to heaven, Jesus appeared to his disciples for a period of forty days. In this lesson, you'll learn more about how Jesus prepares the apostles to be his witnesses to the world.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The Holy Spirit arrived on earth with miraculous signs and gifts to help the disciples in Jerusalem proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ. In this lesson, you'll learn details of this extraordinary story.</li> <li>3. The Apostle Peter tells a crowd that they had crucified the Son of God and called them to repentance. In this lesson, you'll learn how thousands of people repented and were baptized for the forgiveness of sins.</li> <li>4. Saul—a persecutor, and enemy of Christian— was confronted by Jesus on the road to Damascus. In this lesson, you'll learn details of the story as Jesus changes Saul's heart and Saul goes from persecutor to apostle.</li> <li>5. In this lesson, you'll learn the story of the Apostle Paul's first missionary journey traveling to the synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia, where he told the people about Jesus Christ.</li> <li>6. There were many ceremonial laws of the Old Testament. In this lesson, you'll learn how these laws were foreshadowing for the future Savior of the world.</li> <li>7. In this lesson, you'll learn about the persecution of the Apostle Paul and Silas and how God used their testimony to bring many people to faith in Christ.</li> <li>8. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the Apostle Paul's travels to spread the saving gospel message throughout the land.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Jesus' Teachings: The Ten Commandments</b></p>	<p>In this Course, you'll learn more about God's law, the use of the Ten Commandments, and their application in the life of a follower of Christ today. We will also see that Jesus Christ is the one who fulfilled God's law as our substitute.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God speaks to us today through his Word. In this lesson, you'll learn the purpose of the Bible and why we can trust Scripture.</li> <li>2. In this lesson, you'll learn how to use the context of Bible verses to better understand the meaning. When studying Scripture, who, what, where, when and how are important considerations for understanding the meaning of a specific Bible verse.</li> <li>3. What kind of attitude and behavior does God expect from us? One of the answers is found in the first of the ten commandments. In this lesson, you'll learn the first and second commandments from the book of Exodus.</li> <li>4. God established the seventh day as a day of rest for his people Israel in the Old Testament. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the third commandment.</li> <li>5. In this lesson, you'll learn the fourth and fifth commandments. These commandments focus on our relationship with those around us.</li> <li>6. Divorces are common. Infidelity is common. Pornography is widespread and disrupts the marriage bond. In this lesson, you'll learn about the sixth commandment and its purpose for a blessed marriage.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. In this lesson, we'll learn from portions of 1 Kings, the account of Ahab, an unbelieving king of Israel and the seventh through tenth commandments.</li> <li>8. Understanding God's law and the saving gospel message is important as a follower of Jesus. In this lesson, you'll learn how to apply law and gospel studying the example set forth by the Prophet Nathan.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Jesus' Teachings: The True God</b></p>	<p>Who is God? Human beings of all times have desired the answers to such questions. In this Course, we share God's word that holds clear answers. We will see God's great love for humanity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In this lesson, you'll learn the terms "trinity", "creed" and the summary of the gospel message.</li> <li>2. The heart of Jesus is exposed in the story of Lazarus, love, concern, pain, and tears. Jesus experienced all of these very human emotions. Yet Jesus is fully God. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the triune God.</li> <li>3. None of us live up to God's standards. In this lesson, you'll learn about good works, the office, and the work of Jesus.</li> <li>4. In this lesson, you'll learn more about Jesus' life's work and the meaning of Jesus' "humiliation" and "exaltation".</li> <li>5. The apostles witnessed a miracle. In this lesson, you'll learn about the Holy Spirit and Pentecost.</li> <li>6. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the works of the Holy Spirit through sanctification.</li> <li>7. At the time of the end of the world, all believers from all time and from all places will gather around the throne of God and worship him. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the visible and the invisible church.</li> <li>8. In this lesson, you'll learn more details about the topics of forgiveness of sins and eternal life.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>Jesus' Teachings: Sacraments and Prayer</b></p>	<p>In this Course we will study the blessings of baptism, the Lord's Supper, and prayer. In addition, we will see the essence and functions of the church according to the Bible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is baptism? Does the Bible provide instructions on how to baptize? In this lesson, you'll get answers to these questions, and more. In this lesson, you'll learn how the Word of God is used along with water and how that combination makes baptism powerful. Baptism offers incredible blessings. You'll learn Bible passages which support the blessings of baptism.</li> <li>2. When you witness a baptism, it may not appear very impressive. The people being baptized have water poured over them in some way. It's just water. However, a miracle occurs at that time. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the miracle of baptism in this lesson.</li> <li>3. In this lesson, you'll learn about the Lord's Supper; also called by other names such as Holy Communion, the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Altar. This new covenant is connected to a deeper promise from God.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. What does the Bible tell us about participating in the Lord's Supper? In this lesson, you'll learn there is peace and security offered through this sacrament. God's blessings are wonderful.</li> <li>5. In this lesson, you'll learn Scripture to further your understanding of repentance and forgiveness and how we can apply God's law and gospel to the people around us. These responsibilities are called "the keys."</li> <li>6. God provides leaders and uses the church itself to invite leaders for his gospel ministry. In this lesson, you'll learn about the invitation to leaders referred to as the "call". The church "calls" special individuals to serve in leadership.</li> <li>7. Prayer is our communication with God. It includes everything from our lives as Christians, to the prayers we say and read, and even the silent, momentary prayers we think for ourselves. In this lesson, you'll learn more about prayer.</li> <li>8. In this lesson, Jesus teaches us what we should pray about in the Lord's Prayer. It is a model prayer that focuses mainly on spiritual things like temptation and the spread of the gospel. May our prayers match Jesus' model!</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Legalism: Enemy of Grace</b></p>	<p>Legalism confuses people and makes them believe that their relationship with God is based on how well they play by the rules. God doesn't want this kind of relationship with us. In this Course, we will clear up the confusion. God wants a relationship with us based on the saving message of the gospel!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legalism is based on the premise that we must earn God's love and acceptance. This is not true. We begin our lesson by examining Galatians 3:1-14.</li> <li>2. It is prideful thinking that causes us to want credit for our own salvation. We may at times feel like we chose to follow Jesus. But, in fact, it is Jesus who chose us. We'll learn more about being called out of darkness in this lesson.</li> <li>3. We'll learn from 2 Samuel 12:1-13 about when it's the appropriate time to share the gospel and when the law.</li> <li>4. What motivates us? In this lesson, we'll learn that Sanctified Living is Gospel Motivated not Law Motivated as we study Luke 7:36-50.</li> <li>5. How often do we spend time with people who are very different from ourselves? In this lesson, we'll learn lessons on Legalism from the Parable of the Lost Son.</li> <li>6. What would motivate Jesus to use harsh words against a group of people? In this lesson, we'll learn how Jesus corrected the legalists of his day who had a misunderstanding of Scripture.</li> <li>7. Are church groups who follow Old Testament laws right? Is following the laws written in Scripture how God intends for us to live today? Are Christians who follow Legalism better Christians? In this lesson, we'll answer these questions and more.</li> </ol>	<p><b>9</b></p>

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	<p>8. Many churches that practice legalism create additional rules that are not biblical. Let's learn why this practice is harmful for believers.</p> <p>9. In this lesson, you'll learn about the promises that God makes to us and keeps as well as promises he does not make.</p>	
<p><b>Spiritual Identification</b></p>	<p>If there is only one Bible, why so many different churches? What are the differences? And which church should I identify with or join? This course will help you find your spiritual identity, without pressure, or obligation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can you be sure that what you believe is what God wants you to believe? And, how do you know you belong to a faithful church? Discover the basis of our spiritual identity on the Word of God and evaluate your church using Scripture to help answer these important questions.</li> <li>2. There are three basic branches of the Christian church—Catholic, Lutheran and Protestant—which still exist today. On the individual level, the spiritual identity of every Christian will be in one of these three basic branches.</li> <li>3. How do we receive God's righteousness and the forgiveness Christ earned through His innocent death? "How" is the key word. In this lesson you'll learn the fundamental difference between churches.</li> <li>4. In this lesson you'll learn how your spiritual motivation for doing good works is an important element in determining your Spiritual Identity.</li> <li>5. Baptism is a powerful gift, a "Means of Grace," that the Holy Spirit uses to create faith in our hearts. This lesson includes an in-depth study of baptism and how it impacts your Spiritual Identity.</li> <li>6. In this lesson, you'll learn the meaning of "evangelical"—proclaiming the gospel—and how to take precautions not to preach or practice in a way that changes your Spiritual Identity</li> <li>7. "Confessional" refers to a confession of faith. In this lesson, you'll learn about the confession of faith—a statement of our beliefs—and its role in your Spiritual Identity.</li> <li>8. In this lesson, you'll learn selected verses from Psalm 119 to help further your understanding of your Spiritual Identification.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>The Word Grows: Living As A Disciple</b></p>	<p>In this Course it is our privilege to talk to Jesus' disciples about being disciples of Jesus. We will ask the question, "What is a disciple?" More importantly, we will look in the mirror and ask ourselves, "Am I a disciple?" And "If I am a disciple of the risen Christ, what does that mean for my life today?"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The word "disciple" is not used to describe anyone who crossed Jesus' path; instead, the gospels describe a small select group. In this lesson, you'll learn more about the disciple Matthew.</li> <li>2. In this lesson, you'll learn more about how to prepare for discipleship from the book of John.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Not everyone followed Jesus. Many tried to harm or kill him. His disciples were most certainly afraid of what they may face by sharing the gospel. In this lesson, you'll learn how Jesus knew his disciples had fears, so he made a promise to them.</li> <li>4. A branch only grows when connected to the vine. In this lesson, you'll learn how a disciple stays spiritually alive when connected to Jesus through his Word and sacraments.</li> <li>5. Racism and hatred have existed in our world since Adam and Eve sinned. In Jesus' day, Jews and Samaritans hated each other. In this lesson, you'll learn how Jesus shares his saving words of grace with a Samaritan woman.</li> <li>6. Jesus selected a team of men who acknowledged they were sinners. In this lesson, you'll learn more details about the disciples for spiritual healing and a Savior.</li> <li>7. In this lesson, you'll learn about the importance of speaking to God about all things in prayer.</li> <li>8. Even when all our physical needs are met, are we truly fulfilled? Man was created with spiritual needs too. In this lesson, you'll learn how Jesus teaches what is most important in the life of a disciple.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>The Word Grows: Disciples Make Disciples</b></p>	<p>"Go and make disciples..." said our Lord. In this Course, the last Course of Discipleship, we will learn how to go and make more disciples.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In this lesson, you'll learn the steps to take to make disciples by studying Acts 13 and 14 to learn from Paul as he shared the gospel of Jesus Christ on his first missionary journey.</li> <li>2. Jesus makes disciples through the "power for salvation". In this lesson, you'll learn how you can make disciples of others using the same power.</li> <li>3. Are you ready to make disciples? In this lesson, you'll learn how to teach believers using Bible stories, look for opportunities and identify leaders.</li> <li>4. In this lesson, you'll learn more about grace—God's love freely given to man—even though we do not deserve it, nor can we earn it.</li> <li>5. The account of the thief on the cross demonstrates the gift of grace received through faith. In this lesson, you'll learn details from the book of Luke for further understanding.</li> <li>6. In this lesson, you'll learn how we are encouraged throughout Scripture to do good works because we are saved.</li> <li>7. The Apostle Paul was willing to adapt how and where he presented the same message based on his circumstances. In this lesson, you'll learn how to do the same.</li> <li>8. Each course is for your personal, spiritual benefit as a disciple of Jesus and for you to make disciples of others. In this lesson, you'll learn God's promise as you face possible difficulties or even rejection of the saving message of the gospel.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8</b></p>

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<b>Level 2: Multiplication Instructor-led Bible Study</b>		
<b>The Word Grows: Multiplying Disciples</b>	In this Course, we will take a closer look at the book of Acts. We will look at the chains of disciples – how God multiplied believers in the early Christian church.	<b>8</b>
<b>The Word Grows: Multiplying Churches</b>	In this Course, we will talk about how to multiply churches, so it is important that we not only understand the concept of multiplication, but also the concept of the church.	<b>7</b>
<b>The Word Grows: Multiplying Ministers</b>	The purpose of this Course is for students to learn how to identify, train, call, and engage others in ministry. So that we can “do.”	<b>7</b>
<b>Let Us Worship 1: The Biblical Principles of Worship</b>	The purpose of this Course is to share the deep meaning of everything that is done in a worship service.	<b>8</b>
<b>Let Us Worship 2: Worship in Practice</b>	This Course presents us with some tips to put into practice for a worship solely based on the Word of God.	<b>8</b>
<b>The Epistles</b>	In this Course students will learn 16 of the letters of the New Testament, its context, and its content. Students then are prepared to use the letters to answer questions about salvation, holy living, and God's will for his church.	<b>10</b>
<b>Psalms as a Devotion</b>	Coming Soon	
<b>Level 4: Leader Courses</b>		
<b>Four Key Concepts</b>	This Course will help students invite others to study the Bible. One by one we review the four key concepts of the Bible: sin, grace, faith and works. These four key concepts will help people understand the law as a mirror and as a guide. It will also help them understand the gospel message of salvation by grace through faith. These concepts are taught through a series of Bible stories that help illustrate each point. Created from Lessons 3, 4, 5 and 6 from The Word Grows: The Disciple Makes Disciples.	<b>4</b>
<b>Forgiveness</b>	Can I be forgiven? Should I be forgiven? Should I forgive others? When does God forgive and when does he not forgive? These are the questions at the heart, and anguish, of human society. This Course on forgiveness is designed to answer those questions. 1. The devil is a spirit and is real. In this lesson, you'll learn more about how Satan operates through God's Word in the book of Genesis. 2. The sins of Adam and Eve had consequences. In this lesson, you'll consider six key questions to understand more fully the wonderful perfection that is missing in our lives today.	<b>8</b>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. In this lesson, you'll learn about "active" and "passive" obedience to God.</li> <li>4. Satan would love to convince the world that Christianity is just one of many religions, it is not. In this lesson, you'll learn why Christianity is unique for three main reasons.</li> <li>5. In this lesson, you'll learn the definitions to two keywords: Substitute and Savior and how they apply to life today.</li> <li>6. The question of how we obtain forgiveness is answered quite sufficiently by Scripture. In this lesson, you'll learn important Bible passages pointing to faith and trust in Jesus.</li> <li>7. Faith occurs when a person is led to cling to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In this lesson, you'll learn what it means to be spiritually dead.</li> <li>8. In this lesson, you'll learn five important take-aways from the Forgiveness Course.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>End Times</b></p>	<p>Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus instructed his followers of all times "to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded..." (Matthew 28:19). In this Course, you'll learn how to carry out God's command.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Many Christians ask the question, "When will Jesus return?" In this lesson, you'll learn several Bible passages that explain more about the time before Jesus' second coming.</li> <li>2. Without faith, there is no forgiveness and only eternal punishment in hell after we die. In this lesson, you'll learn more about complete forgiveness as Christians and our eternal reign with Jesus in heaven.</li> <li>3. In this lesson, you'll learn details through Scripture about the last day of the earth.</li> <li>4. At Jesus' return this present world will come to an end. In this lesson, you'll learn Scripture for further understanding that Millennialism is a false concept.</li> <li>5. In this lesson, you'll learn where the false teachings of Millennialism originate.</li> <li>6. In this lesson, you'll study Revelation chapter 20 for clear understanding of biblical interpretation that is in harmony with the rest of Scripture.</li> </ol>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>Communion</b></p>	<p>In this Course, we explore the true meaning of Communion. Communion is received both physically and spiritually. Learn the deeper meaning of forgiveness and the assurance of eternal life through this important sacrament.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Lord's Supper is Jesus' special gift to his Christians. In this lesson, you'll learn why communion also has power to forgive sin and strengthen faith.</li> <li>2. In this lesson, you'll learn the meaning of Bible passages that make references to bread and wine as well as to Jesus' body and blood.</li> </ol>	<p><b>5</b></p>

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	<p>3. Why, or for what purpose, did Jesus give us, (institute) the Lord's Supper? In this lesson, you'll learn four important reasons.</p> <p>4. In this lesson, you'll learn that the true body and blood of the Lord are present based on faith and what the Scriptures clearly teach.</p> <p>5. TELL is based on a confessional church body. In this lesson, you'll learn more about participation in the Lord's Supper as an expression of the oneness (unity) of our faith as expressed by membership in our church body.</p>	

# TELL

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Does TELL have physical schools or churches that I can attend?**

TELL is a digital program, taking place online only.

TELL is connected with national pastors around the globe, as well as some churches in select countries.

Please contact your instructor if you are interested in learning more.

### **Does TELL offer degrees or diplomas?**

TELL offers Certificates for each TELL LIVE Course you complete. You will also receive an Academic Record to track your progress through the TELL Program.

TELL is not accredited by the state, but TELL is connected with seminaries around the world. After completing the TELL Program, you may be connected to one of these seminaries. Read more at [www.wisluthsem.org/pastoral-studies-institute/](http://www.wisluthsem.org/pastoral-studies-institute/).

### **How long is the TELL Program?**

The entire TELL Program consists of 21 courses - each about 6 weeks long. This means that the entire TELL Program takes about 2 and 1/2 years.

You may choose to take every class back-to-back, or take a break for a while. Learn at your own pace!

### **How much does TELL cost?**

The entire TELL Program is always free-of-charge. Please be aware of anyone asking for money on behalf of TELL. TELL will never request money from you.

### **What does TELL believe?**

TELL is a ministry of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). You can read more about the beliefs of TELL and WELS at [www.wels.net/about-wels/what-we-believe/](http://www.wels.net/about-wels/what-we-believe/).

### **Will TELL help me start a church?**

TELL trains leaders for Christ. While TELL does not offer physical or monetary support, TELL will give you the knowledge to begin shepherding souls in your local community.



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