

TEACHER GUIDE


TELL Bible Pathway

Part 1

Lesson 12



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 **Watch video 12.** *Play the second video. Make sure all participants can see the screen and hear the audio. If you don't have a large enough screen or have trouble displaying the video, ask students to watch the video on their own before class. The Bible story is John 4:1-42.*

Lesson Goal: Answer the question “How are law and gospel properly applied?”

Pre-Lesson Preparation: Read John 4:1-42.

Live Class Greet those who are listening to the class.

Prayer Asks for God’s blessings, focusing on the theme of the lesson, and effectively ending the greeting time and calling the lesson to order. The following prayer can be used:

Dear Holy Spirit, help us learn to apply law and gospel to our own hearts as we seek to apply it to the hearts of the people around us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Introduce The Course

- a. Explain the purpose of the course.
- b. Ask all to show respect for the teacher and other students by writing appropriate questions and comments on the Facebook Live chat.
- c. Explain that the **TELL** method is a teaching style with the goal of telling others what you’ve learned. The letters **T-E-L-L** represent four sections of study: **T** for Think, **E** for Evaluate, **L** for Learn and **L** for Lead.

Think: A powerful introduction that gets you thinking about an interesting topic, or question

Think about this: Why do I need to share both law and gospel with others?

Evaluate (brings more meaning and context to the lesson)

1. Who are the characters in the story? *Jesus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the disciples, the other Samaritans*
2. What are the objects in this story? *Jacob’s well*

3. Where did the story happen? *In the town of Sychar in Samaria*
4. When did the story happen? *During the earthly ministry of Jesus and His disciples*
5. What is the problem? The woman who comes to the well to draw water is leading a sinful life. She knows that the Jews are expecting a Savior, but she does not know that Jesus is that Savior.
6. What events occurred in this story? *As the story is told, point out how Jesus uses the law and the gospel to bring this woman to faith in him.*
7. Is the problem solved? How? *Yes. At first, the woman believes that Jesus may be the Christ because He is able to tell her all about her life of sin. Later, she and many others in the town become believers because Jesus tells them the good news of salvation through faith in Him.*

Learn (identify that sin is the problem and only God has the answer)

1. What is the main theme of this lesson? Jesus is the living water. He is the only way to a relationship in our forever home with God. We all, like the Samaritan woman, need to hear that we are sinners in need of Jesus.
2. What sin does this lesson teach you to confess? *Not taking opportunities to share law and gospel with people who need to hear.*
3. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
 - a. *Jesus revealed himself to this ordinary sinful woman and brought her to faith in Him.*
 - b. *Not only did the woman believe, but many others believed also because she shared her experience.*
4. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?
 - a. *To love people around me who are sinners just like me*
 - b. *To share God's love with these people by giving them the law and the gospel*

Lead (share this with a group of your brothers and sisters in Christ)

1. What would be a good situation in which to share this message? *When we meet people who are still lost in their sins, we can reach out to develop relationships with them as Jesus did with this woman. Once we have formed relationships with people, we can show them their sin with the law and show them their Savior with the gospel.*

Additional questions (add depth to the lesson)

1. What are the two main teachings of the Bible? *The two main teachings of the Bible are the law and the gospel. They are both from God, and they are both needed in our lives. The law is what God wants us to do, what he wants us not to do, and how he wants us to be.*
2. What is the main purpose of the law? *The main purpose of the law (Romans 3:20) is to show us that we do not live up to God's perfect standards (Matthew 5:48) and that we cannot save ourselves. The law tells us that God hates both the sin and the sinner (Psalm 5:5). God cannot have sinners in his presence and promises to punish them in hell forever.*

3. What is the gospel? *The gospel is the good news that God has done everything in the work of Jesus Christ to save us from our helpless situation of sin. It is the message that God loves us from eternity and has chosen us to be saved in Christ. He has provided the perfect substitute to live the holy life we could not live and to die the death we deserved. We are now perfect in God's sight and heirs of heaven.*
4. How do we apply law and gospel? *Learning to apply the law and gospel correctly and in the right circumstances is a life-long project. Only the Holy Spirit can teach us to apply it properly in our life circumstances as we study God's Word.*
5. Why do we need to apply law and gospel to ourselves repeatedly? *Though we sin when we do not obey the law, we believers are not under the accusation or the obligation of the law (Romans 8:1), but we still have the sinful nature which needs to be drowned in daily application of the law.*
6. Can a loving God send people to an eternity in hell? *Those who think a loving God could not send people to hell for eternity are forgetting that God is also holy. Sin and sinners cannot be in the presence of a holy God. A good Bible account to share with the students is the Prophet's commissioning in Isaiah 6:1-8. Isaiah realized that he deserved to be destroyed for being in God's presence. The teaching of hell is the preaching of the law. We need it. We also want to remember that God suffered the eternity of hell in one day on the cross and he did it to save us sinners. We can see the wrath of God and the love of God in one place—the cross.*

Lesson Wrap-Up

1. Discuss ways to establish relationships that will enable you to share law and gospel with people who need to hear it. *Allow time for various participants to express their thoughts or concerns, especially regarding their own experiences or choices. Encourage them that they are capable as believers of sharing the law and gospel.*

Closing End with a prayer thanking God for the people he has brought together to learn about him and his Word, or with a blessing for the group.

