

Dear Transformed and Transforming Teachers,

I first met Darryl 11 years ago, and all these years we have celebrated, challenged, and inspired each other as we explore the kind of teaching and learning that prepares our students to partner with God in restoring a broken world. We continue to dance with the framework of Tft and the practices of EL to the melody of God's story and the beat of our deep hope that all our students would love the Lord and desire to be more like Jesus.

I have been deeply influenced by Tft, and many EL practices have found their way into the Tft framework. The deepest intersection lives in what Tft calls the "essential practices".

- Transformational Lessons!
- Habits of learning!
- Documenting learning!
- Opening and closing circles!
- Celebrations of learning!
- Learning Targets!
- Reflection!
- Protocols!
- Formative Assessment!

These are all elements I have spent my career studying, practicing and creating. Before I knew about Tft, my wife, Joanna (former principal and now spiritual director of New Covenant School in Arlington, MA) and I ran a summer institute we called [Deeper Learning in Christian Schools](#). We are offering it for the 8th time this summer. The entire focus is on these essential practices. *We designed the institute for teachers to be able to actually experience the kind of learning we hope they provide for their students.*

I believe the fullest and deepest expression of Tft happens when these essential practices are embedded in the context of Deep Hopes, Storylines, and Throughlines. So, if those "core practices" have inspired learning in your classroom, and you are ready for a deep dive into the "essential practices" you should consider joining us this summer, June 23-28, in the Boston area.

We offer a \$100 discount to any Tft teacher or school designer who would like to attend. Just let me know slevy@eledcuation.org and I'll give you a code to register.

We hope to have some Tft teachers to join us! We know you will bring a lot to share with other participants.