# Teaching TRANSFORMATION

What is TfT?

Teaching for Transformation is a design framework for the creation of authentic, Formational Learning Experiences that are rooted in a transformational worldview.

## **The TfT Design Framework**

#### **Deep Hope**

We are people of hope. Deep Hope represents why you followed the call to be a teacher in a Christian school. It aligns with the desires that parents have for their children when they enroll their children in your school. It reflects the promises contained within your school's mission and vision statement and points towards your place in God's Story.

I thought TfT would transform my students and my teaching in a positive way. I was not prepared for it to transform my own Christian walk.

Tami Boonsma, teacher, Dutton Christian School

#### Storyline

The fundamental purpose of the core practice Storyline is to connect the learning and the learners to God's Story. Using language and imagery that connects both to the curriculum and the Kingdom Story, Storyline ensures that the learners see the story that invites them to be a part of how God is making all things new.



#### **Formational Learning Experiences**



Once teachers and students are invited to see the story, a TfT classroom provides opportunities for the learners to live the Story. Formational Learning Experiences are opportunities for the learner to engage in "real work that meets a real need for real people." As engagement and motivation increase, so does a student's mastery of curricular content.

The primary goal of Christian education is the formation of a peculiar people – a people who desire the kingdom of God and thus undertake their life's expression of that desire.

James K. A. Smith, Desiring the Kingdom

#### Throughlines

Throughlines are discipleship habits and practices that form learners to transform God's world around them. They articulate a vision for how your school's graduates will live. Throughlines ensure the focus is not just about what the learner is to know; they propel us to educate for who the learner is called to be within God's Story.





#### As schools implement TfT, all learning experiences are designed to ensure that teachers and students grow as lifelong learners. As Formational Learning Experiences provide opportunities for students to practice living the Throughlines, they also provide an opportunity for students to form Habits of Learning as thinkers, communicators, collaborators and designers.

### See the story. Live the story.

