

## Training for MAST Facilitators

### Course Overview

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Welcome to this training course for MAST facilitators. I'm Margo, and my colleague Dave and I will be taking you through this training.

Hi, I'm Dave. Before we get into the course, we'd like to give you an overview of what it covers. The course is divided into five lessons, and each lesson is divided into multiple parts, so that you can have a break to rest your brain and absorb what you've learned.

So let's get started. The first lesson introduces you to the MAST strategy, explaining what it is and how it fits with Bible translation methodologies of the past. It introduces you to the key elements of the strategy and the steps in the process, which are further explained in subsequent lessons.

Lesson 2 presents some of the main psychological and educational theories upon which the MAST methodology is based. You also learn a little about how these theories impact facilitation of a MAST project, which is further explained in the next lesson.

In the third lesson, you learn how the theories that were introduced in lesson 2 influence each step of the MAST process. Once you understand how the steps are grounded in theory, you can effectively utilize the MAST methodology in a translation project.

Lesson 4 teaches you the characteristics that a facilitator should have. You also learn how a MAST project gets started.

The key to MAST is flexibility based on theories. In this fourth lesson, you discover several ways that the MAST strategy can be adapted to varied circumstances.

The fifth lesson presents some general requirements for anyone who wishes to participate in a MAST event. It describes some guidelines to ensure a good translation. You learn about some beliefs that are essential for a participant to have and the difference between those essential beliefs and other issues upon which believers may disagree.

Previous lessons told you about how facilitators work in a MAST project and the qualifications they should have. In this lesson, you learn about some of the other jobs that are needed to make a MAST event successful.

Finally, if you decide you want to be a MAST team member, you learn how to request information about upcoming MAST projects.

So to get started, go to lesson 1A to begin an introduction to MAST.

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