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ABOUT THIRD MILL

Founded in 1997, Thirdmill is a non-profit Evangelical Christian ministry dedicated to providing:

Biblical Education. For the World. For Free.

Our goal is to offer free Christian education to hundreds of thousands of pastors and Christian leaders around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry. We are meeting this goal by producing and globally distributing an unparalleled multimedia seminary curriculum in English, Arabic, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish. Our curriculum is also being translated into more than a dozen other languages through our partner ministries. The curriculum consists of graphic-driven videos, printed instruction, and internet resources. It is designed to be used by schools, groups, and individuals, both online and in learning communities.

Over the years, we have developed a highly cost-effective method of producing award-winning multimedia lessons of the finest content and quality. Our writers and editors are theologically-trained educators, our translators are theologically-astute native speakers of their target languages, and our lessons contain the insights of hundreds of respected seminary professors and pastors from around the world. In addition, our graphic designers, illustrators, and producers adhere to the highest production standards using state-of-the-art equipment and techniques.

In order to accomplish our distribution goals, Thirdmill has forged strategic partnerships with churches, seminaries, Bible schools, missionaries, Christian broadcasters and satellite television providers, and other organizations. These relationships have already resulted in the distribution of countless video lessons to indigenous leaders, pastors, and seminary students. Our websites also serve as avenues of distribution and provide additional materials to supplement our lessons, including materials on how to start your own learning community.

Thirdmill is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) corporation. We depend on the generous, tax-deductible contributions of churches, foundations, businesses, and individuals. For more information about our ministry, and to learn how you can get involved, please visit www.thirdmill.org.
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Thirdmill has tens of thousands of resources available. But teachers often want to know which of them are essential for their classes. Three Thirdmill resources are crucial for leading a Thirdmill class: our Lesson Series, our Lesson Guides and our Application Guides.

Without a doubt, the most important resource for every learning community is what we call our “Lesson Series.” These series are the centerpiece of the Thirdmill curriculum. It’s simply impossible to hold Thirdmill classes without them. Through the years, Thirdmill has produced more than 25 Lesson Series that, as a whole, are the equivalent of a two-year master’s-level seminary program. In fact, they are used in fully-accredited theological schools in many regions of the world. Our lessons feature more than 350 teachers from around the world from a variety of denominations.

Some Lesson Series, like The Book of Joshua and Paul’s Prison Epistles, focus directly on biblical studies. Other Lesson Series, like We Believe in God and Building Your Theology, concentrate on theological topics. We produce every Lesson Series in three formats: video, audio and text. First, you can watch all of our Lesson Series in video.

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Rev. Marcos Buzzelli, Argentine Bible Society
I had a good friend who introduced me to Third Millennium content, and I was fascinated with the quality of the graphics, the creativity of the methodology, in many ways, the freedom to engage and apply this awesome resource to your own personal life and context the way you need to.

You can also listen to the audio versions of our lessons. And all of our series are available as manuscripts.

In addition to our Lesson Series, there’s a second essential resource for Thirdmill learning communities, our Lesson Guides. Thirdmill lessons are packed with information, and our Lesson Guides — sometimes called study guides — help teachers and students keep the main ideas of Thirdmill lessons in view.

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Mr. Brad Matlack, Tazama Nia Community Centre, Nairobi
So, in our classrooms we use our tablets that obviously has the video and audio and the printed material that’s on there as well, but we also print the study guides as well. And the study guide really is where we write down answers, where really some of the thought happens, and it helps solidify what the students are learning.

Thirdmill Lesson Guides are very important for teachers and students. Each Lesson Guide contains a table of contents that identifies the lesson divisions and the beginning

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timecodes of each division in relation to the lesson video. You’ll also find instructions for how to use the Lesson Guides and a section of key notes that teachers and students can supplement with their own notes as they study each portion of the lesson. The Lesson Guides offer both “Review Questions” to help teachers and students synthesize the information of the lesson, and “Application Questions” to help teachers and students think about how the lesson might relate to their own lives. Each Lesson Guide also contains a glossary of names and terms from the lesson that may be unfamiliar to some students. Our Lesson Guides will help you and your students in many ways as they study Thirdmill lessons.

One other resource that we strongly recommend is what we call our “Application Guides.” At Thirdmill we stress that teachers should never be satisfied with giving their students just the information of our lessons. Information is important, but we encourage Thirdmill teachers to focus a lot of their time and energy on how students should apply our lessons to their ministries and personal lives.

This is why we’ve created Application Guides to give students the opportunity to apply the lesson content. Each Application Guide contains Review Statements that offer clear summaries of the main concepts in the lesson, along with timecodes that correspond to the lesson video. Using the timecodes, you can plan how much of the lesson and which parts of the Application Guide you’d like to cover in each meeting. Following each Review Statement, the guides offer a variety of Case Studies, Reflection Questions and Action Assignments to help your students put the lesson concepts into practice. You can choose those that will work best for your group. And because every learning context is different, you’re always encouraged to modify or write your own Case Studies, Reflection Questions and Action Assignments to fit your culture.

Dr. Biao Chen, Thirdmill (translation)

When I started teaching Thirdmill lessons, I felt that there were many new concepts which were difficult to digest and apply in a classroom setting, and the Application Guides were very helpful to my students and me. For example, Reflection Questions allow you to deepen and reflect upon the concepts. Individual Case Studies take very abstract, complex theological concepts and turn them into a learning process by using specific scenarios, so [the students] can be trained in their ministry skills. Students’ motives and thoughts are brought into the light, and they can have confidence in the sound doctrines and learn to trust God more.

Thirdmill Application Guides will help you impact the ministries and lives of your students. What could be more important than that? Thirdmill offers many different resources for learning communities. But the most important resources are our Lesson Series, which provide the main content for your learning community; our Lesson Guides, which ensure that you and your students learn the content well; and our Application Guides, which help you focus on the practical implications of our lessons for your students’ lives and ministries.