

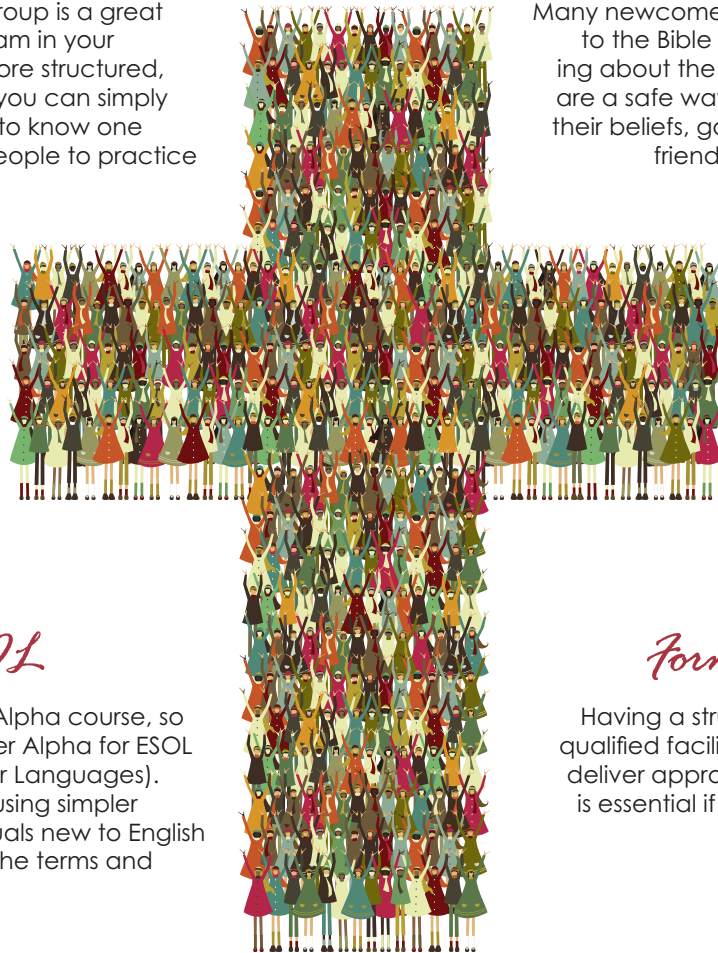
# Which Type of ESL Program is right for your church?

## Conversation Groups

Hosting a conversation group is a great way to start an ESL program in your church. You can have more structured, theme-based groups, or you can simply meet for coffee and get to know one another while allowing people to practice their English.

## Bible Studies

Many newcomers to Canada are also new to the Bible and are interested in learning about the Christian faith. Bible studies are a safe way for newcomers to explore their beliefs, gain spiritual support through friends and, of course, learn new English vocabulary.



## Alpha for ESOL

Many churches offer an Alpha course, so it's just a small step to offer Alpha for ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages). This course was created using simpler language so that individuals new to English could easily understand the terms and ideas presented.

## Formal ESL Classes

Having a structured ESL class requires a qualified facilitator who can choose and deliver appropriate curriculum. Planning is essential if you are thinking of offering structured ESL classes.



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The program that is best for your church depends on many different factors, including facilitators' experience, resources available and goals. **One program is not better than another, just different.** Be sure to consider all your options before deciding. Our goal is to support and encourage you in whichever program is your best fit.

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