

**Widening the Welcome**  
**This Week's Stepping Stone: Safe Church 3**

**COMPLETE LESSON #1**  
**Safe Church, Safe Communities-Universal Training:**  
**INTRODUCTION & THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**



**ENGLISH**

Safe Church, Safe Communities - Universal Training: Introduction & Theological Background (ENG)

**Course**  
Course Time: 20 minutes

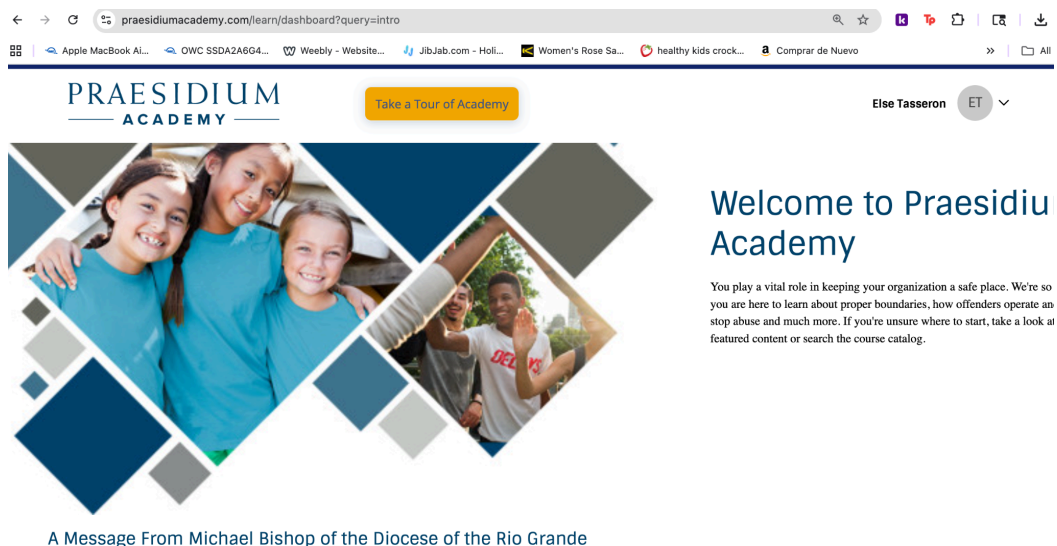
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## Welcome to Praesidium Academy

You play a vital role in keeping your organization a safe place. We're so you are here to learn about proper boundaries, how offenders operate and stop abuse and much more. If you're unsure where to start, take a look at featured content or search the course catalog.

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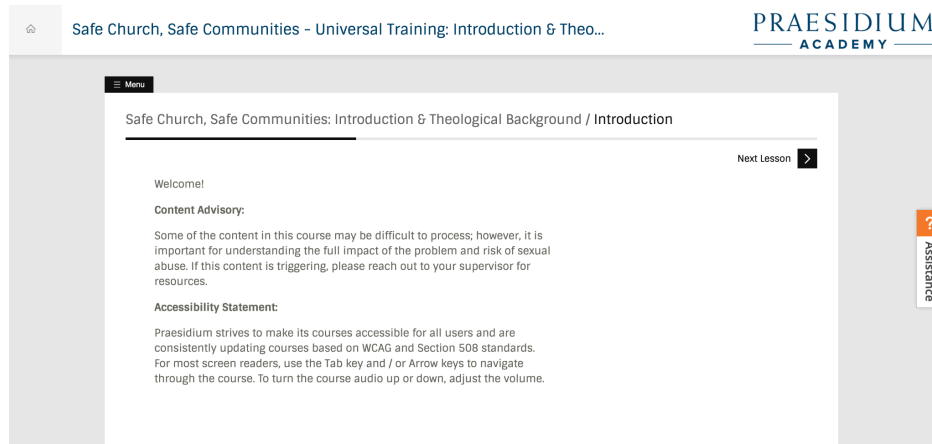
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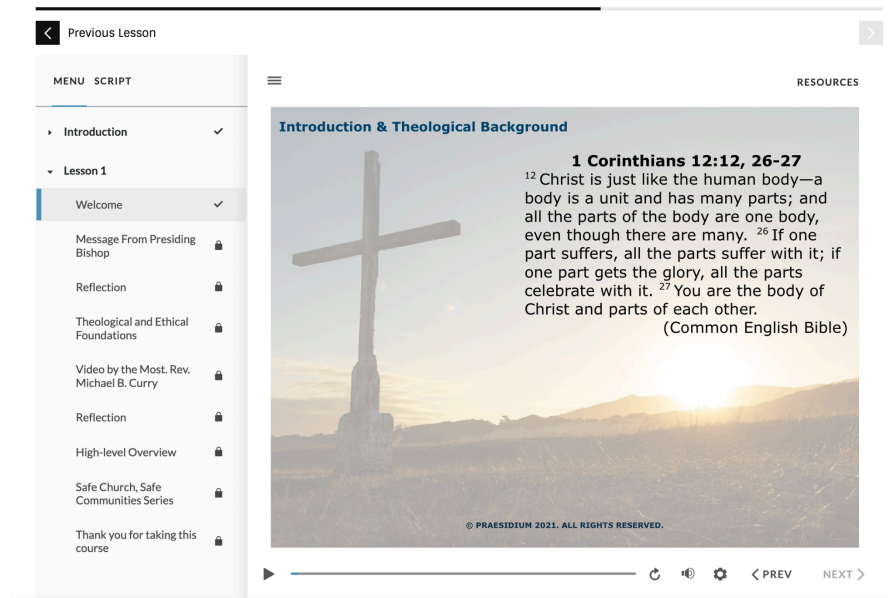
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- **Congratulations and Thank you!**

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*The obligation to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being is binding for all baptized Christians. All who worship God and serve the church have the responsibility for the wellbeing of youth and vulnerable adults. At St. Mark's, we are committed to ensuring that every member and leader of the congregation meets the requirements for Safe Church/Safe Communities, as established by our Bishop. All members are expected to complete four short universal training modules, covering basic topics essential to community health, such as healthy boundaries and inclusion. All ministry leaders and participants in ministries involving children and vulnerable adults are required to complete additional training modules on topics such as bullying, abuse & neglect, power & relationships, sexual harassment, and social media safety.*