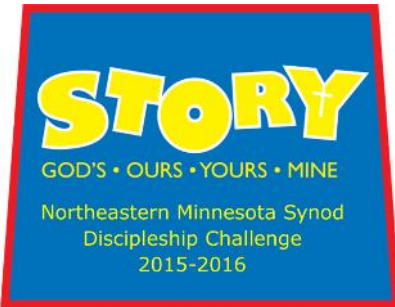


# Northeastern Minnesota Synod Discipleship Challenge



**KNOW the Story**  
**BE the Story**  
**TELL the Story**  
**...of Christ's Love in the World!**

This year the NE MN Synod Discipleship Challenge will live out our faith practices through the sharing of stories. When we share our stories, we are sharing God's story for us. When we listen to the stories of others, we are listening to God's story at work in the world. Stories help us grow deeper in faith, and help us live out the faith practices.

- When we share stories, we **encourage** each other.
- When we share stories, we know how to **pray** for each other.
- When we share stories, we **invite** each other into our lives.
- When we share stories, we **give** the gifts of our time and experiences.
- When we share stories, we learn about each other and how God is at work (**study**).
- When we share stories, we identify ways to **serve** our neighbor.
- When we share stories, we **worship** the God in whose story we live.

## How the 2015-2016 Discipleship Challenge Works

1. Teach the STORY Acronym Tool.
2. Intentionally incorporate opportunities to share stories of life and faith into what you are already doing. Use the suggested Story Starters or your own questions.
3. *Optional:* Go deeper with the "Story" Study Guides.

## Resources Available

### **STORY Acronym Tool:**

Using the word STORY, each letter suggests a category in which you might think of questions to learn the stories of others.

### **Story Starters:**

Monthly questions around topics, using the STORY Acronym Tool, are available for congregations, groups and colleagues to use to get to know each other's stories. Use one question a week, or all at once. Adapt questions to suit your group, or use as is! A list of ideas on how you might use the Story Starters is provided. Weekly questions will be posted on our synod Facebook Group – share your stories, and get to know others in your synod!

**Study Guides:** Want to dig deeper into stories? The 2015 Practice Discipleship curriculum, "Story", has been adapted around the KNOW – BE – TELL framework of the Discipleship Challenge. Each session can be done as a Bible study in one sitting, or done section by section over the course of several weeks.

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