

# The 2014-2015 NE MN Synod Discipleship Challenge

*Dig deep together on a faith journey to...*

**KNOW** the Story

**BE** the Story

**TELL** the Story

*...of Christ's love in the world.*



## April: ENCOURAGE

All of us are living a story. Together we are living in the middle of God's story – for us, and for our neighbor. Faith practices help us on our faith journey to **KNOW** God's Story for our lives and the world...to **BE** God's story of love and reconciliation in the world...and to **TELL** God's Story so the world can know they are part of God's Story.

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod Discipleship Challenge focuses on the faith practices of *Give, Invite, Serve, Study, Worship, Prayer, and Encourage*. There are many more, and we hope you explore others on your journey as well!

The faith practice focus for the month of April is **ENCOURAGE**. Below is a discussion guide that can be used in conjunction with the "ENCOURAGE" video teaser and Bishop Aitken's video challenge, which can be found on the Discipleship Challenge website at [www.nemnsynod.org/Discipleship](http://www.nemnsynod.org/Discipleship). The teaser and challenge videos are meant as conversation starters...the real learning and growth takes place in your discussions that follow the videos!

You are encouraged to use these questions in your homes, during coffee hour, at ministry meetings, in youth group - wherever you have the opportunity to dwell on and discuss what it means for us as individuals and as a family of faith **to KNOW the Story, BE the Story, and TELL the Story of Christ's love in the world!** The questions are arranged in a way that allows you to move deeper into the conversation as you feel comfortable. They need not be done all at once and there is no right or wrong answers. You have all month (and beyond!) to dwell on these questions and to add your own. The point is to make room for some thoughtful and deliberate discussion.

And remember, our spiritual hunger to grow and deepen our faith has nothing to do with success, getting the "right" answer, or works. It's all about living – fully living – into the grace of God as God's children... as disciples, following Jesus in our daily life!

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and for your willingness to grow in your discipleship to Christ our **RISEN** Lord!

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