

NE MN Synod Discipleship Challenge: KNOW...BE...TELL the Story! September 2014: INTRODUCTION

My Story

- What is a story from your summer? Maybe a vacation? A family event? A camp or mission trip experience?
- What was meaningful about that experience?
- How did it impact you or shape you?

KNOW the Story

- Read Mark 1:1 – “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
- Every child knows the best stories start with “In the beginning...” or “Once upon a time...” How are the gospels like a story? How are they more than a story?
- What is the “good news” the writer of Mark is telling?
- How did this Story change the lives of the people living in that time? How does it continue to impact and shape our world?

BE the Story

- Think back to your story from this summer. How was your faith – following Jesus - part of that story?
- Think about your life story.
 - What is a time you have felt strong in your faith?
 - What is a time you have felt weak?
 - What has equipped you to follow Jesus in your daily life?
 - How has following Jesus changed you or shaped you into the person you are?

Tell the Story

- Who first told you the Story of Jesus? How did they share God’s Story with you?
- If you were telling this story of the good news, what would you include?
- Who is someone in your neighborhood, your congregation’s neighborhood, your work place, your school...who needs to hear this good news about Christ’s love for them?
- How can you share the Story of Jesus with that person this week?
- How might knowing God’s Story change/impact their life?

