



1/REVIEW

Which cultural value has stood out to you the most so far in this series? Why?

2/INTRODUCTION

What is something that made you smile recently? Share that story.

3/REFLECTION

Read **Mark 1:27-43**

What does this passage tell you about God?

What does this passage tell you about people?

5/APPLICATION

Take a few moments this week to write down part of your story using this prompt: *“What difference has Jesus made in your life?”*

4/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Is telling our stories necessary? Why or why not? What is the significance of storytelling as it relates to living out the Mission and Vision of the Bridge?

In the central passage for this sermon, Jesus explicitly tells the healed man to NOT tell his story? Why did he do this?

Scott said, *“...we are going to do the opposite of what Jesus told others to do.”* Why is it different for us than it was for those Jesus healed?

What is the significance of The Bridge using the adjective ‘**authentic**’ when describing this value?

Do you think we are good at sharing our stories authentically in the church? Why or why not? What do we risk losing if we don’t do this? What holds you back from sharing your story with others?

Most of us know that not every story has a happy ending. Some stories end in tragedy and do anything but point people to Jesus. With that in mind:

How do we write the kind of stories we want to tell someday? What role do spiritual disciplines play in this (**ref. 2 Timothy 3:16-17**)?

“Will the truth of my yesterday help impact their tomorrow?”