

NewSpringERS

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHURCH

WEEK #2: A BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE

INTRODUCTION & OPENING QUESTION

You might be new to NewSpring. Or maybe you've been coming for years. Either way, you've probably learned by now that NewSpring is a different kind of church. There is a vision God gave us many years ago that's important for us to be true to. And every once in a while it's good for us to return back to it. We revisiting our purpose and our mission as NewSpringers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read John 1:14. Some churches will say they are all about *truth* but never reach out, so it's just the same people showing up every week to hear the truth. Other churches will say they are all about *grace* but never tell the truth out of fear of offending somebody. Have you ever been part of a church that fell into one of these categories? How did it impact your faith? Why is it essential to be about both? What do we learn from the life of Jesus that helps us be a church "*full of grace and truth*"?
2. NewSpring is about building bridges to people who are spiritually unresolved. What does being part of a church determined to pay any price (apart from sinning) to help people connect with Jesus mean to you? How has the NewSpring's mission impacted you personally in this way? Or those you know?
3. NewSpring has tried to be very creative in how we build bridges to people who are spiritually unresolved. Do you have a favorite memory or experience that has stood out to you about the creativity NewSpring has used to help connect people to Jesus?
4. Read John 8:31-32. Pastor Mark said, "*It's never love to leave people in the bondage of Satan's lies.*" Share your thoughts on that statement. Have you ever struggled to tell someone the truth because of how you think they might receive it? How do the verses in John encourage and give you confidence to share the truth?
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE & QUOTES

John 1:14, 8:31-21 / Luke 15:1-2 / Matthew 7, 13-14, 26:8

"NewSpring is about giving the truth of God's Word that can change lives."

"Only truth has recognized value in Heaven."