

The Message Connect is a devotion that goes deeper into Sunday morning's message, intentionally connecting it to our lives throughout the week. Through a 15-20 minute video and discussion guide, we challenge everyone to go deeper in their faith because we believe growing people change for God's glory and their God-honoring life purpose.

WEEK ONE: BAPTISM

Go online to ringgoldchurch.com/themessageconnect to watch this week's Message Connect video.

Next Steps:

1. Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

What would most people like to change about their lives?

What is one thing you'd like to change about your life?

What motivates people to make major changes in their lives?

2. Start Thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

What did you learn about God from the message this week?

3. Start Sharing. Here are questions to help you dig deeper into God's Word.

Matthew 3:11, 13-17: Why was John baptizing? Why did Jesus insist on being baptized?

What two significant signs accompanied the baptism of Jesus?

Matthew 28:18-20: Upon whose authority is the "great commission" given? In whose name(s) is baptism to be done? What is to follow the baptism of a disciple? What special promise goes with this command?

Mark 16:15-16: What is the promise to the one who has both believed and been baptized? What warning is related to refusal to believe in Jesus?

Acts 2:36-39: When the people were ready to accept Christ, what did Peter tell them to do? What were they assured of if they sincerely took these steps? When were they baptized?

Acts 8:34-39: What was the message preached by Philip? How did the eunuch express his faith in words? In actions? What form of baptism is described in these verses?

Acts 16:30-34: What did Paul and Silas tell the jailer to do when he asked, "What must I do to be saved?" What message was given to the jailer and his family? How did the jailer show repentance (a change of heart and actions) toward Paul and Silas? What was the reason for the rejoicing of the jailer and his family? Why do you suppose the jailer and his family were baptized during the night?

4. Start Praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

Take some time to pray over identified action steps and life issues. Pray that God would continue to actively grow and mature you in Christ.

5. Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

What is God saying to you through his word? What are you going to do about it, and when?

For more information about taking the next steps in your faith, visit: ringgoldchurch.com/nextsteps.

LET OUR PASTORS LEAD YOUR DISCUSSION.

Our Pastors have created The Message Connect video for the *Next Steps* message series. Go deeper and wider in your faith walk with us by going to ringgoldchurch.com/messageconnect.