



JESUS IS SUPERIOR

THE MESSAGE CONNECT

WEEK THIRTEEN:

Jesus' Birth

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Next Steps:

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

What are some of your favorite childhood memories from Christmas time? What traditions have you kept from childhood?

2. Start Thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

Do you have someone in your life that has been a "hero of faith" for you? Who is he/she and what makes him/her a hero to you?

If you don't have someone that comes to mind as a hero, have you thought about what that could look like for you to be a hero for someone else?

3. Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

Hebrews 12:1-2: There are things that hinder us that are not necessarily being sinful, but sometimes being just extra weight you carry around that slows down your maturity in Christ.

What are some past or present—areas in your life that weigh down your maturing in Christ?

How do you think unrepentant sin blocks us from full maturity?

1 John 1:9: Do you think it is hard to confess your sin? What makes it hard?

How does confession help you in your walk with Jesus?

Hebrews 12:1: What does it look like for a follower to run with endurance and focus on Jesus, especially in life's difficulties?

What you think it means to really run with endurance? Look up the following: Isaiah 40:31; Micah 6:8; Romans 8:4; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:15

Hebrews 12:11: *"The biblical response to consequence is repentance. The biblical response to discipline is endurance."*

How does your character deepen after going through a season of discipline?

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.

Evaluate whether or not you have been growing with these questions:

- Is my perspective broad enough?
- Am I carrying any unnecessary weight?
- Am I nurturing any private sin?
- Where is my focus?

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

Let Pastor Don lead your discussion.

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