



THE MESSAGE CONNECT

#BETTERTOGETHER

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 TWO: BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

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

What defines a neighbor? Is it the person who lives in the house next to yours or across the street? Is it just the ones you like and get along with? Is it anyone in your specific neighborhood? Is it any person you come in contact with? What defines a neighbor?

Key Scriptures:

Luke 10:25-37

Next Steps:

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

What are the greatest inconveniences in your life?

When has someone gone out of his or her way to help you?

What do you think motivates most people to do good?

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.

Think of a time when you either went out of your way to help someone or you saw a real need and didn't help for whatever reason. Have someone share his or her experience.

How did you feel about the encounter? Did you feel satisfaction, conviction, fear, or justified in your decision? Why?

Luke 10:25-37. As you look at the characters, what do you think the attitude of the priest and the Levite was? Why would they choose not to help the man? What natural inclinations make it easier for you to act like the priest and the Levite than like the Samaritan?

What was the attitude of the Samaritan? How did it differ from the attitude of the other two men? How practical was the Samaritan's approach to the man in need?

How does it feel when someone has mercy on you?

In light of the parable of the Good Samaritan, what should our attitude be toward the people we encounter in life? What are some practical steps we can take to be more like him and less like the other two?

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?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Day One: Luke 9:1-9

Day Two: Luke 10:1-20

Day Three: Luke 10:25-37

Day Four: Luke 6:27-42

Day Five: Matthew 5:1-16

Day Six: Matthew 5:43 – 6:4

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 *For Your Community* message series. Go deeper and wider in your faith walk with us by going to ringgoldchurch.com/messageconnect.