

EXPERIENCE

Easter

THE MESSAGE CONNECT

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: RESURRECTION DAY

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

Key Scriptures:

John 20

Next Steps:

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

How do you and your family typically celebrate Easter? Any fun traditions? Any epic Easter egg hunts?

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.

What was your worst moment and best moment in your life? Apply that to Jesus' life... how do you think He would answer that question?

Mark 16:1-6 — These 4 words—He is not here—change everything. What would it have been like to walk into the empty tomb that morning?

The angel highlights the contrast of what Jesus was with what He now is. He was crucified (dead). He is risen (alive). What is the significance of Jesus being resurrected? Talk about the difference between resuscitation and resurrection.

Of all the language Jesus could use to describe the Christian life, He uses "to be born again". Why do you think that is? What is He wanting us to understand?

Romans 6:3-7 — Baptism is a great picture of being born again. We are united to Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection. It is an expression of faith and trust in Jesus as our sins are buried. We are cleansed and given new life. Have you been baptized? Take time to share what that decision means for you.

God is constantly using invitational language with us. And ultimately He invites us into His family, to be sons and daughters, to belong to Him. What is the difference of belonging to God versus merely believing in Him?

In Heaven, everything will be better than before... for all eternity! What are you excited to see get better and better in Heaven? How should that hope affect us now?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 — The party started when Jesus died and rose again. How is the resurrection a shadow of something even better yet to come?

Being born again is what Easter is all about. Jesus' resurrection isn't the end of the story, rather it's a picture of what will someday happen to us. How can you celebrate that truth today?

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

Consider the invitation God is extending to all of us through Jesus' death and resurrection: to truly be born again. Thank Him for that hope. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live your new life.

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 *Easter 2020* message series. Go deeper and wider in your faith walk with us by going to ringgoldchurch.com/messageconnect.