



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 FOUR: FAITH OR FEAR

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

Key Scriptures:

Romans 8:28-30

We all face difficulty and hardship, and we all long for it to end. God assures us: what you hope for has been promised, what has been promised will come to pass, and it will come to pass no matter what. The power of this perspective from God should give us peace that transcends all understanding, hope that endures through it all, and unshakeable joy!

Next Steps:

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

How do you explain why bad things happen to nice people?

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.

How does God work in all the situations and events of a person's life? (Romans 8:28)

For whom does God promise to work all things for good? (Romans 8:28)

How can God produce good results out of bad situations?

What is God's intention and plan for each Christian?

Romans 8:29-30. For the power of perspective to really take root in your life, you must understand that God's promises for your life are set in stone, and they will come to pass, no matter what.

So much of the turmoil we experience in our lives is because we think that our future is dependent on us. Name a few ways you feel freedom, knowing that there is nothing you can do to thwart what God has planned for you?

In spite of horrific circumstances, Jesus' disciples experienced joy. They had the power of perspective. How could you come up a little higher from your circumstances, and see things from God's perspective? What could God be saying to you in your current circumstances?

Thinking about your circumstances from God's perspective, how does this increase your joy?

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.

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