



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 FIVE: GIVING

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

The truth is, Jesus still does miracles today. He still heals, He still delivers, and He still rescues those in trouble. Our problem, too often though, is that we don't think He will do it here. We know there are many issues in our city, but God is bigger than those problems, and He still wants to do miracles right here in our communities. He doesn't want us to fail. God wants us to win, and He set in motion the greatest miracle of all time, the redemption of man through His son Jesus, to seal the deal.

A miracle can happen in our communities. God is for our communities! Let's be for our communities too. And let's believe, pray, serve, and work for the miracle that we believe for God to do right here and right now.

Key Scriptures:

Mark 6:21-32-34

Next Steps:

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

What was a time when you had to do something that you thought was impossible? What happened?

What is your idea of a feast?

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.

Throughout the For Your Community series, we have talked a lot about comebacks. But some can only happen through a miracle. Take some time to allow your group to share miracle-type experiences. Ask them to share how the miracle impacted their life and how they felt as a result of the miracle.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, we see Him doing miracles. What are some of the possible reasons you believe Jesus did these miracles?

Often when Jesus did a miracle, He was questioned or criticized for what He did, like healing someone on the Sabbath. He always had a good reason and was able to explain why He did what he did. We too can be criticized or questioned when we do things in the name of God. What should be our reaction or action when we are challenged this way?

Obviously, only God can do supernatural miracles. However, as followers of Jesus, we are invited to participate in the miracles of God. What are some practical things we can do that allow us to participate in the miracles of God?

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: Matthew 14:13-21

Day Two: Mark 6:32-44

Day Three: Luke 9:10-17

Day Four: John 6:1-15

Day Five: Matthew 15:29-39

Day Six: Mark 8:1-13

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.