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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: HELP

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

Key Scriptures:

Luke 7:1-10

It is by faith that we are saved. Faith that believes, and a humble soul that cries out for help. And Jesus has made it known exactly how he will respond. He will respond with 'yes, I will help you.' This is what makes Jesus marvel. When we believe in Him. When we place our faith in Him and we say, "Jesus, I believe because of the fact that you overcame death and sin—and I believe you can help me do the same." He is not done helping us.

Next Steps:

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

When you hear the word "authority," who first comes to mind?

When have you been amazed by someone else's faith?

From whom have you learned the greatest part of your understanding of faith?

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.

Luke 7:1-10: The Roman soldier in the story places his faith in the help that only Jesus can provide. Despite not being raised in the church, he decided to place his faith in Jesus. The soldier humbled himself when he asked for help. Instead of being embarrassed, he sent to ask Jesus for help, even when he knew he might not be worthy of it.

Why don't you ask for help? What is something you need help with, but are afraid to ask for?

How does pride interfere in asking for help? Does asking for help make you feel embarrassed? How do you need to humble yourself in order to ask for help?

What kind of help do you need from Jesus? How and when will you ask for it?

2 Corinthians 3:18: God wants to help us look more like Jesus. This is called sanctification. God is so willing help us, that He sent His Spirit, the Helper, to help us look like Jesus and reflect His glory to the world.

What do you think it means to look more like Jesus? In what ways can God help us look more like Jesus?

What steps do you need to take to look more like Jesus? How will you start?

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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