

Trusting is hard...

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: HOW DO WE GET THERE?

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

Key Scriptures:

John 2:23-25, Acts 9:26-27, Acts 15:36-40, Colossians 4:10, 2 Timothy 4:11, & 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Next Steps:

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

When you have a sharp disagreement with a friend, how do you usually handle it?

When have you held a grudge against someone?

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.

With Relationships, Conflict Is Inevitable. The Way We Disagree Can Break Trust Or Build It. Trust Requires Interpersonal Conflict.

Think of a time when you have had conflict with someone that was handled in an unhealthy way. How did that cause trust to be lost?

Think of a time when conflict was handled in a healthy way. How did that cause trust to be earned?

In general, how can you disagree with someone in a way that builds trust?

Paul And Barnabas Experienced A Disagreement So Sharp That It Permanently Fractured Their Relationship. If We Are Going To Be Effective In Our Mission, We HaVe Got To Grow In Trying To Understand Others Before Seeking To Be Understood.

How do you typically handle interpersonal conflict with someone you care about?

In what ways could seeking to understand someone else before seeking to be understood help build more trust in your own relationships?

Through The Death And Resurrection Of Jesus, God Reconciled Our Relationship With Him. And God Has Given Us The Task Of Reconciling People To Him.

In what ways could you give up your own wants and needs in order to reconcile with someone else?

What is something you could do this week to remain curious about someone else's perspective, feelings, and understanding, even if you don't agree with them?

How can you personally grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus so that you are able to help others be reconciled to him?

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?

Daily Bible Reading:

Day one: John 2:23-25 | Don't put your trust in other people, power or possessions.

Day two: Acts 9:26-27 | We build trust when we encourage and defend others.

Day three: Acts 15:36-38 | The way we disagree can build trust or break it.

Day four: Col 4:10 & 2 Tim 4:11 | Trust requires interpersonal conflict.

Day five: 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 | God gave us the gift of reconciliation.

LET PASTOR DON LEAD YOUR DISCUSSION.

Pastor Don created The Message Connect video for the *Trusting Is Hard* message series. Go deeper and wider in your faith walk with us by going to ringgoldchurch.com/messageconnect.