

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: 01 — START

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

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 28:18-20, Isaiah 43:19, John 1:35-46

Next Steps:

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

What is the most exciting news you have received in the last month?

What images spring to mind when you hear the words "missionary" or "evangelism"?

What is the loneliest time you have ever experienced?

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.

As a church, and as individuals, we want to be the kind of followers of Jesus who are married to our mission instead of our methods. Have you ever confused the two—in your personal life or in your spiritual life? What methods have you had to change over time, or do you currently need to change in order to stay on mission with God?

Matthew 28:18-20 — Are you making disciples and teaching them how to grow?

God can do amazing things through average people if they give him full access to their lives. Have you ever considered that God wants to do amazing things through your life? How have you seen God use average people—including yourself!—in ways that have surprised or humbled you?

Jesus' disciples started following him not because they had all of their questions answered or because they had everything figured out, but because they accepted a personal invitation to start following him. Like the disciples, our spiritual growth is essential so we can help people get to Jesus. The purpose of Jesus is the purpose of our church. Who do you need to extend a personal invitation to "come and see" this week?

Matthew 28:18-20 — Are you making disciples and teaching them how to grow?

Isaiah 43:19 — How is Jesus calling you to reach this generation?

John 1:40-42 — How can you help lead others to Jesus?

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.

Our Pastors have created The Message Connect video for the *Next Steps* message series. Go deeper and wider in your faith walk with us by going to ringgoldchurch.com/messageconnect.