

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 THREE: 02 — CONNECT

Go online to [ringgoldchurch.com/themessageconnect](http://ringgoldchurch.com/themessageconnect) to watch this week's Message Connect video.

### Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 4:11-12, 15-16; Romans 12:10

### Next Steps:

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

What keeps sports teams unified?

What advice would you give to someone who wanted some practical wisdom on how to get along with others?

**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.

Jesus belonged to a close-knit group through his disciples. In order for us to grow, we need to be connected to other believers. Before starting group today, go around and share what you are most thankful for about your group and what you hope to gain from being a part of it this year.

Hebrews tells us that we should be looking for ways to stir one another up with acts of love and good works, but also not to neglect meeting together and encouraging one another. What can we do as a group to encourage each other and hold one another accountable?

Our impact is far bigger than we think it is, and all of us can fall into the trap of selfishly viewing people or things according to their ability to help us. How can you come ready to contribute—to church, to this group, and to your community? What one step can you take to engage and use your gifts to contribute to building up others around you (Ephesians 4)?

Ephesians 4:11-12 — How is God calling you to respond to him and be on mission today?

Ephesians 4:15-16 — Are you being honest with those who can speak truth into your life? How can we personally do better at this?

Romans 12:10 — Have you seen someone in your life that has been dishonored by word or action? How did this make you feel? What did you learn from this experience?

**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](http://ringgoldchurch.com/nextsteps).

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