

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 FOUR: 03 — GROW

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

#### Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 5:12-14; Luke 8:11-15; John 15:4-5; Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 6:21; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

#### Next Steps:

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

What are some immature, childlike habits or actions that simply would not be tolerated if seen in an adult?

What hero did you emulate and imitate as a kid? Why?

**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.

God doesn't want something from us, but something for us. When it comes to growth and spiritual disciplines, a lot of times we can approach them as something we have to do instead of something we get to do. What would you say your current posture is toward growth—have to or get to?

A growing person is a generous person. With closed hands and clenched fists, nothing can get in or out. We want to be a church with open hands. How has God been growing you when it comes to generosity lately? Are there any ways you struggle with being generous? How can you grow in this area over the next few months?

Allowing Jesus to be Lord over your life is like him being the dresser and each part of your life being the drawers—when he is Lord, you have to allow him to have every part of your life and believe him that he wants good for you. Do you struggle trusting God with any area of your life? What is God asking you to trust him with this week?

Hebrews 5:12-14 — In what ways have you grown in this last season of your life? Do you trust him more today than you did last year?

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 — We exist to give ourselves away. How is God growing you in your generosity?

Galatians 5:22-23 — What fruits of the spirit do you need Jesus' help with the most?

**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).

#### LET OUR PASTORS LEAD YOUR DISCUSSION.

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