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Solution

To find the x-intercept, we set r equal to 0, so :

$$r(x) = x^2 - 4 = (-2 + x)(2 + x) = 0$$

$$2 + x = 0 \text{ or } -2 + x = 0$$

$$x = -2 \text{ or } x = 2$$

So, the x-intercepts are at the points $(-2, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$