

WELCOME

October 30, 2022

We're so glad you're here!

At Gateway, we believe in joining God to transform our lives and culture to reflect His heart by:

Loving God ● Loving Each Other ● Loving His World

WEEKLY SERVICE & MEETINGS

COMPLETE LISTING AT GATEWAYMERCED.ORG

SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person & Live on YouTube (10AM)
*Past messages are available // www.gatewaymerced.org
- **Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.**
- Join us for corporate prayer // 9AM // Conference Room & Zoom
www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- 1st - 5th Grade // 10AM // *KIDS IN SERVICE TODAY
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

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GATEWAY NEWS |

BAPTISMS TODAY!

Individuals and families have come forward with the desire to publicly profess or re-affirm their faith through baptism, and for some, present their young children for Covenant baptism. Jesus said let the little children come to Him do not hinder them; and that all of heaven rejoices when one person repents. Please join us AND heaven in celebrating with all those being baptized today.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING // NOVEMBER 13

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting is planned for right after the worship service on November 13. We will have some time for questions, and then our two business items will be 1) approval of nominees for the next class of deacons (Jenae Day, Bryan Hall, Sara Squibb, Jay Struble) and elders (Kevin Gonzalves, Laura Livesay, Leo Ragonut, Jerry Stillahn) and 2) approval of the 2023 Proposed Budget (copies available at the Information Table after the service.) We value your partnership in Gateway's mission and hope you will all attend the congregational meeting and that all official members over the age of 18 will vote. Thank you!

FALL FEST | TOMORROW | 6:30-8:30PM | GATEWAY PARKING LOT

Free carnival games, trunk or treating & best trunk competition, plus hot dogs and drinks for sale! Get some candy, win some prizes and connect with family and friends!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Reminder do not forget to set your clocks back Saturday evening.

JESSUP CHOIR & ORCHESTRA // NOV 6TH // 10AM // CONCERT AT 5PM

Jessup Choir and Orchestra is coming to town again and will be performing at Gateway Church for the 10am service and then their concert at 5pm. Join us in experiencing a radical performance! If you are able to house a college student on Saturday night, November 5th, Fill out the Communication Card or visit gatewaymerced.org/jessupchoir.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA // FREE RESOURCE

We are proud to offer a free, customizable video library to equip families, resource groups, and develop leaders. Choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos for children, and over 20,000 biblical videos just for you. To sign up and get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin and mark RightNow Media or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

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- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Kid's Ministries
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Small Groups
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/Young Adults

Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 10-30-22

FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

QUICK REVIEW

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:**

What is your favorite riddle? Share it together. Today's lesson may seem like a riddle to those seeking how to get to heaven.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 18:15-30

DIGGING DEEPER: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

Read Luke 18:18-30

1. What were the things this rich ruler felt confident in regarding his right to inherit eternal life (vs. 18-21)?
2. Jesus' words in vs. 22 saddened the ruler because he was rich, but is there an underlying reason he could not accept Jesus' direction?
3. What was Jesus' point in asking him to sell all his possessions and give them to the poor? Is this the key to eternal life or not (John 3:16)?
4. Being rich and entering the kingdom of God is a heavy topic as Jesus makes clear in vs. 24-25. How do you feel about it being more difficult to enter the kingdom of God if you have wealth? Do we have wealth in the west? How can I be certain I'm not being deceived by my wealth?
5. Describe together your understanding of how a person enters the kingdom of God and eternity? Use scripture.
6. How does Jesus assume a follower of His lives based on vs. 29-30?
7. If you could summarize Jesus' whole point in this passage, how would you?

APPLY IT TODAY:

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember? Why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?

Communication/Prayer Request Card

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____

Change in Contact Info

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Apt: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone: _____

I'm new to Gateway:

I attend here often

I'm a member

1st Visit

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? _____

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**GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUNDAY 10AM**

**INVESTIGATING
JESUS**

CHAPTER 1.

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