

WELCOME

November 12, 2023

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE - 10AM

Join us in person at: 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 9AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 6 wks - Kinder | Preschool Wing
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4



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NEW TO CHURCH?

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- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
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SOCIAL MEDIA



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EVENTS

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed tomorrow (11/13) in observance of Veterans Day.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS | NOV 19 | 2-4PM | ROOM A4&5

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Join us for a 2-hour event called Surviving the Holidays where we talk about how to deal with grief around the holiday season.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Millions of boys and girls in more than 170 countries & territories have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts, along with the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Please join our church in this wonderful movement. Final day to return the box is on Nov 19.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY | JOB OPPORTUNITY

Do you have a heart for Jesus and His little ones? Early Childhood Ministry is hiring! Come and join this dynamic ministry and help shape the lives of the next generation. If you are 18 years or older and are interested in applying, please see Ms. Alisa at the children's information booth or email her at aphillips@gatewaymerced.org.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA | FREE RESOURCE

We are proud to offer a free, customizable video library to equip families, resource groups, and leaders. To sign up and get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin or mark RightNow Media or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

MERCED RESCUE MISSION | FOOD DRIVE

This annual food drive provides food throughout the year for the Rescue Mission. If you would like to participate in helping collect food for low-income families and those who are unhoused. The donations help provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for over 1,000 people. Donations can be placed in the blue bin located in the gym. Invitations for the Thanksgiving Banquet are available at the information booth. These can be given to anyone who may be homeless, poor, or feeling lonely. If you have questions or would like to volunteer call (209) 722-9269.

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Infant/Kindergarten
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Elementary/Preteen
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/ Young Adults
- Discover Serving
- Small Groups

Area of Interest:

Comments, Prayer Requests:

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

POLITICS - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 11-12-23

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:

How often would your parents(or you as a parent) give you a choice and the benefits or consequences of those choices and why?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Various Passages - "Politics"

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)

Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20

1. In reviewing vrs. 11-14, what is it that "is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach"? Why is this important for us to understand today?
2. Discuss the way vrs. 15-18 describes God's plan for His people and how that translates to our world and decisions today. Would you say God is being very clear, somewhat clear, somewhat vague or very vague? Why?
3. Vrs. 16 and 18 speak about the land the Israelites are entering to possess. What correlations to the "lands" we live in today and how our faith should be lived out, can you make? What are the reasons God's Word and our response to it remain as true today as it was then?
4. Would you say the issue of abortion is a political or moral issue, and how did you come to that conclusion? As vrs. 19-20 conclude this section, how does it feel that we are back at this position of choice, to "choose life" or "choose death" in response to the issue of abortion, here in the 21st cent.?
5. What does the grace of God bring to those who may have been personally involved with abortion? Read 1 John 1:9 together to reflect upon God's grace in forgiveness....in any circumstance.

APPLY IT TODAY:

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and 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: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

I'm new to Gateway: 1st Visit I attend here often I'm a member

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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