

WELCOME

November 13, 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 // Rooms D1 – D4
- 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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING // TODAY

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting is planned for right after the worship service TODAY. 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. 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. Children can stay in Kids Church until after the meeting.

GATEWAY EDUCARE THANKSGIVING FEAST // DONATIONS NEEDED

EduCare is hosting a Thanksgiving Feast for the families that are enrolled in the Center. They are looking for Turkeys to be donated or any auction items. Proceeds from the auction will be used to buy items for the classrooms. Items can be brought to the office by this Wednesday (11/16). Thank you!

NACHORDINARY THANKSGIVING FOR YOUTH

Next Sun., Nov. 20 6:30-8:30PM is our annual event for middle & high school students to come together and enjoy a nacho dinner along with a special time of musical worship and Thanksgiving. We hope lots of students can join us for this special night! No Crossroads Nov. 22nd.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS // NOV 20TH // 2-4PM // ROOM A4&5

Bittersweet memories. Loss of traditions. An empty seat at the table. The holiday season can trigger sadness and despair for people grieving a loss. Join us for a 2-hour event called Surviving the Holidays where we talk about how to deal with grief around the holiday season. For reservations or more info, contact Rob Mansfield at (209) 383-9383 or by emailing Rob at jacobswell.merced@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD // DUE SUN, NOV 20

OCC shoebox gifts are taken to the ends of the earth to bring great joy to children in need and to share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ. Boxes are available in the Gym. Please return boxes by Sun. Nov., 20.

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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- 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 11-13-22

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:**

Tell a story of the worst leader you have ever had and why?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Luke 20:45-47 "Reflections on Leadership"

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. What qualities come to your mind when you think of a great leader in world history?
 2. Read Numbers 12:3 and Acts 13:22. What are the character qualities that these two great leaders exhibited? How valuable are these qualities to any leader and why?
 3. Read about David in 1 Samuel 16:12b-18. What does this say about David's life and actions *before* he becomes well known?
 4. Why do the personal lives of leaders in the church matter? What are the consequences when someone tries to minister but is not consistent in righteous living outside of the church?
 5. A great passage to get a picture of David's prayer and leadership is 1 Chronicles 14:8-17? What does this teach about the importance of hearing from God as a leader?
1. While David wrote many of the Psalms, his response to his sin (adultery and murder) is captured in Psalm 51. How easy do people respond to leaders who have genuine repentance? Why or why not?

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: 1st Visit I've been here a few times
- I attend here often I'm a member

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

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