

WELCOME

November 6, 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 |

JESSUP CHOIR & ORCHESTRA // TONIGHT // CONCERT AT 5PM

Jessup Choir and Orchestra will be performing their concert tonight at 5PM. Join us in experiencing a radical performance!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING // NEXT SUN., NOV. 13

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting is planned for right after the worship service *NEXT SUNDAY (11/13)*. 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!

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

Operation Christmas Child 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. See pamphlet in the bulletin for more information.

VETERANS DAY // NOVEMBER 11// OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Friday in observance of Veterans Day.

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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- Small Groups
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- 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 11-6-22

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:**

Not considering people (family or friends), what is your most prized possession? Why?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 19:1-10

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. Read aloud James 2:14-26. Discuss what works mean in the Bible. Note the Greek word used is "ergon" from which we get ergonomics. What would be the difference between simple work that expends energy and a "good" work?
2. Focus on verses 14-16, Look at the works that are listed. How do you respond to the idea of being involved in these types of good works?
3. Look again at verses 17 and 18. What is the concept here that is being identified as dead? How can faith be dead? What is your experience with this?
4. Focus on verses 20 through 23, As a group, discuss the two concepts of being "justified by works" and "faith being counted as righteousness." How are they different and how do they work together? NOTE: Biblically, justified means "to MAKE you as you ought to be" and righteousness is "BEING as you ought to be."
5. Verse 24 explains that it takes works and faith to get you where you should be in a practical, day to day way. How have you experienced both of these working out together in your life?
6. Verse 26 lays out a difficult idea to grasp intellectually. It makes a comparison between "body without Spirit" and "faith without works." As a group, discuss what insight into this the Holy Spirit might give 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.

November 6, 2022

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

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? _____

