

# WELCOME

February 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 (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://www.gatewaymerced.org)
- \*\*Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.\*\*
- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom  
[www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- 1st - 5th Grade // 9AM & 11AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM & 11AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

### TUESDAY

Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

*\*McValentine's THIS TUESDAY night, 7-8:30 for middle schoolers (6-8th grade). We'll celebrate Valentine's Day with games, a photo booth (dress to impress if you'd like) and leaders serving a fancy McDonald's dinner. \$5 donation appreciated but not required.*

### THURSDAY

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

#### JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS

### JOIN US FOR A BRAND NEW SMALL GROUP SERIES ON NEHEMIAH!

Beginning March 6, Pastor Al will be leading us through a series in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. The uniqueness of this study is its connection to our Generations Children's Ministry Campaign and will give greater insight into the vision of Generations! Look for a group online at [gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups](http://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups) today.

### DISCOVER MEMBERSHIP CLASS (ZOOM) // FEB. 20TH AT 4PM

We are excited to present this 7 session class that explores what it means to be a member of Gateway Church. We share with you Gateway's story, history, structure, and the vision God has given her to reach people for Christ. More importantly, we will help you discover how your story is shaped, and how your story can partner with Gateway's to accomplish God's mission.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS // REAL RETREAT

Real Retreat for High Schoolers coming Feb 25-27. Current pricing at \$199 and \$50 saves your spot. We'll be heading to Tuolumne for the weekend to enjoy time together as a youth group and learn how to spend time with God as we 'Escape the Noise.' More info/register: [gatewaymerced.org/youth](http://gatewaymerced.org/youth)

### YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES ONE DAY CONFERENCE MARCH 12

This special conference has a theme of "Walking With God" and will highlight many of the big questions for the young adults and singles. Questions like "How do I walk with God courageously in this culture?", "Why would God accept and use me?", and "What does God say about singleness, sex and dating? \$35 per person for anyone navigating through the challenges of young adulthood! For more info and to register, go online at [gatewaymerced.org/inspire](http://gatewaymerced.org/inspire).

### MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA AFRICA // MAY 26 - JUNE 6

Pastor Kevin will be leading a mission trip to Uganda Africa May 26-June 6 for college and young adults. Deadline to register for the trip with a deposit of \$1,000 is Sunday, February 20. We will work alongside the ministry [sharedloveuganda.org](http://sharedloveuganda.org) - ministering to the most vulnerable people economically, socially, physically, and spiritually with a higher focus on women and children especially orphaned, abandoned, and parentless. Need more information? Contact Pastor Kevin at [kborges@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:kborges@gatewaymerced.org).

### 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](mailto:info@gatewaymerced.org).

#### Contact Me About:

- 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

How have you seen God move in your life this week/recently?

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 2-13-2022

**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:**

Describe a time in school or work where you were present physically, but you fell asleep during the class or hours. Was it funny or embarrassing?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Read Revelation 3:1-6 "A church member or member of Christ?"

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. What was it Jesus commended this church for? Condemned them for?
2. How could you tell if a church was lifeless? Do you have any experience with that?
3. Think about your life personally and share when or if you've ever felt like you needed to "wake up" and focus on your spiritual life? Vs 2-3. How did you remedy that?
4. Look at vs. 4. What does Jesus mean by "being worthy"? What thoughts do you have with Jesus' direction to them? Read Rom. 3:21-28
5. What part does faith play in overcoming? Why does this struggle so often lead to a "works" righteousness?
6. Is there anything keeping you asleep today? What thoughts do you have about hearing Jesus confess your name to the Father and His angels? Does that provide any motivation for you to stay alert?

**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**

**February 13, 2022**

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 attend here often  I'm a member

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_

