

WELCOME

March 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

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

SMALL GROUPS

Sign up for a small group online today! Scan the QR Code to find a group today! Groups for men, women, couples, finances, young adults, etc.



GATEWAY NEWS |

DISCOVER THE BIBLE! // STARTS TODAY VIA ZOOM @ 4PM // 4 WEEKS

The Bible can be described as the Owner's Manual for life. God, the Creator, has given us guidelines on how to live life to the fullest, the way He designed it. But the Bible is also a love Story! God's love letter to us that describes His great plan in how He overcame sin and made our relationship with Him possible. This 4 week course is designed to introduce you to the Bible, inform you about the uniqueness of the Bible and inspire you to read and apply the wisdom and truths of God so that we can live the kind of life God designed for us to live - A life in relationship with Him, full of purpose and joy. Join us in Discovering how to make the Bible come alive! *Material for the class is available at the Guest Center.

DEEPER '23 YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE-MAR 18, 10AM-3PM.

Christian youth (6-12th grade) are invited to join us for the 1st annual conference put on by the youth groups in our area as we seek to help students learn and grow in their relationship with God. It's a free event here at Gateway and lunch is provided. Please Note: This event is for students who have a hunger for more of God in their lives. Any questions or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Isaac at iparra@gatewaymerced.org or (209) 723-4283.

USHER NEEDS // FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM

We are recruiting ushers for Sunday mornings, especially as we draw near to Easter. We could use your help! We will have a special Sunday morning Usher training (donuts included!) Next Sunday, March 19 at 8:15AM. Please join us for clarity on ushering at Gateway.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS DESSERT AND MORE!

If you are a small group leader/teacher, a leader in training, or even someone who wants to lead a small group this Fall at Gateway then please join us for a special *Crumbly Dessert Leader gathering at Carrie Alexander's house - 2503 Windy Ct. - on Monday night, March 20th at 7PM.* We will hear "God Moments" of your small group, review and get input for the Fall Campaign plans, eat Crumbly cookies and pray for each other! Talk to Pastor Kevin or Carrie for more info!

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
- 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



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Foundations - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 3-12-23

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:**

What are your favorite comfort foods when in trouble?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 22:37-40 "Comfort"

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

Read John 14:1-27 as a group.

1. This passage takes place during the last supper. Pick out the things in this passage that jump out at you concerning peace and comfort.
2. Compare vrs. 1 and 18 and discuss how comfort is directly tied to Jesus. As a disciple of Jesus, what is your response to His words here?
3. When in your life did you have turmoil and not peace, or discomfort instead of comfort? How did you work with Jesus to get through that?
4. Vs. 27 states, "Don't let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid." Talk about your part in finding this comfort. How would you explain the key that Jesus is giving us here to not being troubled or fearful?
5. How many of your friends have gone through these emotions? How have you comforted them or wished you could comfort them?
6. How important is your role as a disciple to bring Jesus to your world? Discuss how this connects with all the hurt, pain, problems, etc you see.

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?

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
MARCH 12, 2023

FOUNDATIONS

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

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