

WELCOME

March 19, 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.



Scan to Connect

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GATEWAY NEWS |

GROUNDBREAKING GENERATIONS EVENT!

Notice the excavator out front? Join us outside after service as we break ground today for our Generations project! We praise God for His plans as we start the next phase in adding a new Children's building to reach more for Christ! For more info, go to gatewaymerced.org/generations

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 *Crumb Dessert Leader gathering at Carrie Alexander's house - 2503 Windy Ct. - TOMORROW Night at 7PM.* We will hear "God Moments" of your small group, review and get input for the Fall Campaign plans, eat Crumb cookies and pray for each other! Talk to Pastor Kevin or Carrie for more info!

CIY YOUTH CAMPS FUNDRAISER NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday 3/26, our youth will be selling breakfast burritos before and after service to raise money for the cost of CIY Camps this summer. Please stop by and support them if you can. We appreciate our Gateway family! Any questions, contact Pastor Isaac.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. Everyone who is truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desires to live in obedience to Him, is invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

DISCOVER THE BIBLE! // TODAY VIA ZOOM @ 4PM // 3 MORE WEEKS

It's not too late to join this course. The 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.*

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6480380695>

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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- Baptism
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- 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

Foundations - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 3-19-23

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:**

Where in your life do you most doubt your abilities or your chance of success? How do you get through it?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Read aloud Matthew 6:25-34 - "What is True Faith?"

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. What three worries did Jesus discourage among His followers? Why? When was the last time you "worried" about any of these?
2. Have you ever wondered how birds live through the darkest seasons like winter in Wisconsin or Canada? How would Jesus answer this?
3. Jesus says in vs. 28, "Why are you anxious about clothing?" This may sound silly, but why would we be stressed over not having the right clothes or shoes or makeup or whatever?
4. How do you think worry affects people emotionally, physically, and spiritually? Are there any studies about worry you can google to see this?
5. While Jesus is speaking of food, drink and clothing what would you say His real point, His deeper truth is, in teaching on worry and anxiety?
6. What does Hebrews 11:1 define faith as? What relationship does worry or anxiety have with faith? Where have you found this to be true in your life?
7. Describe any experiences you have had where you knew you had faith and you walked in it. What were you realizing about God's promises?
8. How much do you have to grow in your faith, and realizing true faith daily?

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

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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? _____