

WELCOME

March 26, 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

An All-Church Survey: As we move closer to actually beginning the senior pastor search, we would like to hear from you. All who call Gateway their home are invited to complete this survey, and we ask that you do so by March 31. Scan the QR Code, or visit gatewaymerced.org. Need help? Contact Spence Boelter at 209.628.4576.



COMMUNION // TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. 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.

CIY YOUTH CAMPS FUNDRAISER

Our youth will be selling breakfast burritos 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!

PARKING OPTIONS AT GATEWAY

There are very exciting things happening at Gateway and as a result, some "good problems" as well. Parking, as you can tell, can be difficult on Sunday morning. Please feel free to utilize the spaces in the Greystone Complex area (south parking area) as well as the spaces up towards Yosemite Ave. We also ask that regular attenders park furthest away on Easter so as to provide more spaces for guests. Thank you!

LOVE INC // THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Love INC will be having their Dinner Auction this Fri, Mar 31 at Gateway from 6:15-9PM. Tickets are \$35 a piece or \$250 for a table of eight. The theme is "Helping Churches Help People." They will be having live and silent auctions. Tickets can be purchased at the Church Office or by calling (209) 383-7034 Ext. 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS // INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Good Friday | April 7th at 7PM with livestream available. Commemorate the crucifixion & death of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday | April 9th at 9AM or 11AM with livestream available. Celebrate that Jesus is alive! Invite friends and don't miss out!

Outdoor Movie Night | April 14th, Gateway Back Lawn. Now Showing: Toy Story 4. Gates open at 6:30PM. Bring your own dinner, lawn chairs & blankets, friends & movie snacks. Movie starts at 8PM.

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Infant/Kindergarten
- RightNow Media
- 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

Foundations - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 3-26-23

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:**

Who is the most important person you have ever met?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Matthew 16:13-16 - "Who do you say I am?"

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. Can you remember what you thought of Jesus before becoming a Christian? Since then, describe how you see Jesus more clearly today.
2. Read John 1:1, 14 together. What form did Jesus take according to these vrs.? Why would Jesus have to become a man? Read Hebrews 2:14-18
3. Read aloud Isaiah 9:6. Which names of Jesus from Isaiah resonate with you personally and why?
4. Do you see any tension with the idea that a child will be called these terms? How can God be a baby?
5. How do you communicate Jesus to those in your sphere of influence? Have you ever used any of these terms in those discussions?
6. Pastor Kevin talked about these words describing Jesus Christ: Savior, Messiah, Anointed One, Son of God, etc. Which of these have had personal meaning to you?
7. How have you grown in understanding who Jesus is this week?

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

March 26, 2023

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? _____