

WELCOME

March 5, 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

GET CONNECTED

SMALL GROUPS SIGN UPS:

Sign up for a small group online today! Go to gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups or scan the QR Code to find a group today! Groups for men, women, couples, finances, young adults, etc.



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GATEWAY NEWS |

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD THIS WEEKEND!

Reminder to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

DISCOVER THE BIBLE! // MARCH 12 // 4 WEEKS // ZOOM @ 4PM

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!

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!

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!) on Sunday, March 19 at 8:15AM. Please join us for clarity on ushering at Gateway.

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.

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 3-5-23

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 has your opinion of the news reporting in our day been? Without getting political in your group, how much do you trust what you hear from these news outlets?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Hebrews 4:12-16 "Foundations"

DIGGING DEEPER:

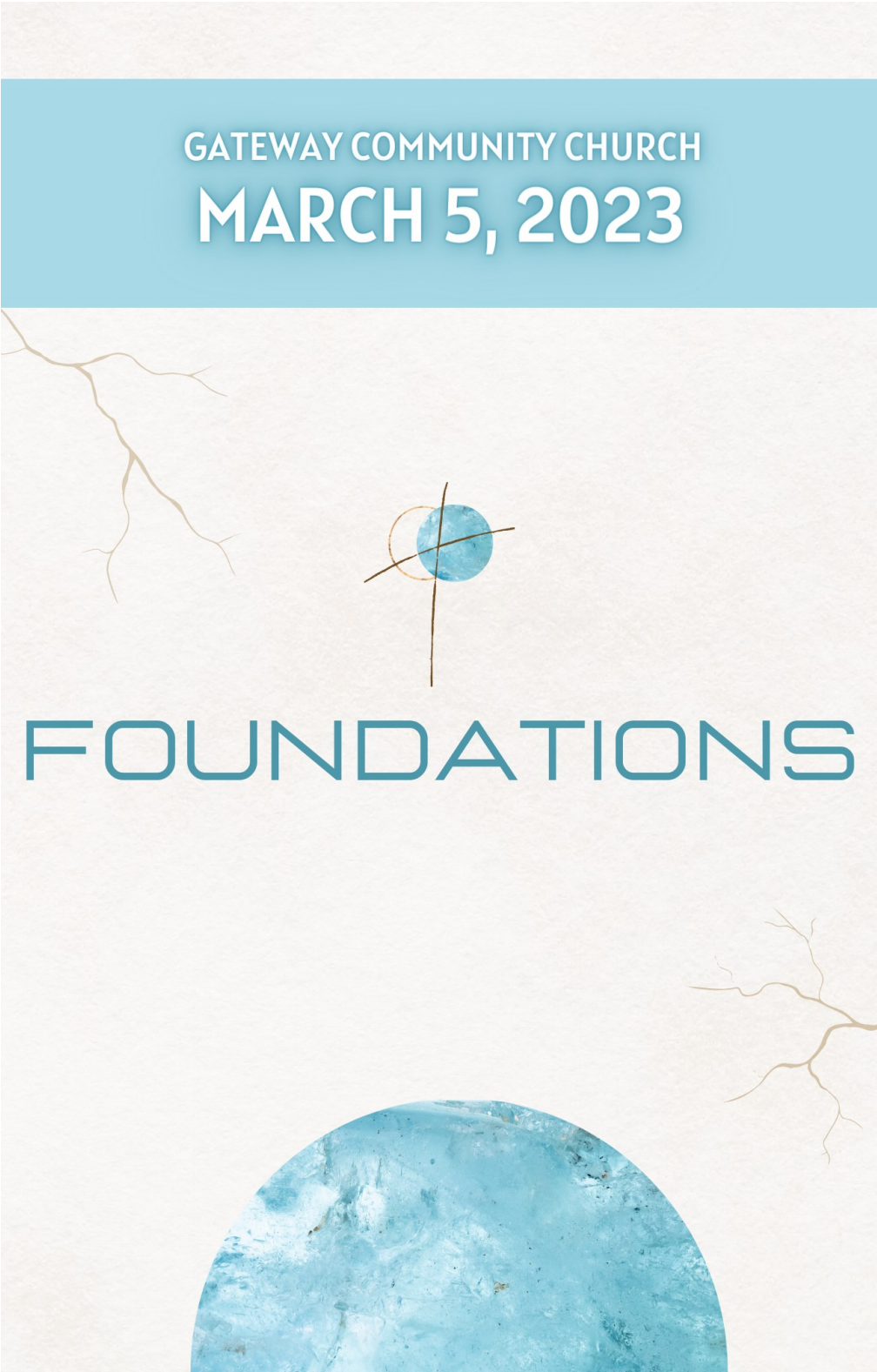
(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 together.

1. What does the text say about the Scriptures and how they provide for the Christian's life?
2. What is the emphasis of vrs. 14-15 for Timothy to hear? Who taught Timothy these things(2 Tim. 1:1-2, 5)?
3. How important has the teaching and learning of Scripture been to your life? Who have been the people who taught you? Who have you taught?
4. What is the meaning you find in your phone dictionary of the four actions listed in vs. 16?
5. Knowing what these terms mean, how have they impacted your understanding of the Bible and the practical way to implement it? What examples do you have?
6. According to vs. 17, how does the importance of our understanding of the Bible impact how we now live? How have you witnessed this in your life?
7. In what areas of your life do you need more "equipping"? How will you apply this lesson for your "equipping," over this next year?

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 5, 2023

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