

# WELCOME

April 2, 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](http://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](http://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

GCC-Church



### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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](http://gatewaymerced.org). Need help? Contact Spence Boelter at 209.628.4576.



### BAPTISMS // SUNDAY, APRIL 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family join us Sun, Apr 16 in Room A4&5 after the service. If you are unable to attend the class fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

### 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!

### 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!

\*Invites available at the Guest Booth.

**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.

### 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
- 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 4-2-23

**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 20:17-19 and Matthew 21:1-16 - "The Price"

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

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

Read aloud Psalm 22:1-18 regarding prophecies concerning Jesus.

1. What are vrs. 1-2 stating? How does this connect with Jesus? Look at Matthew 27:46 to discuss what it means that Christ was forsaken on the cross?
2. Compare vs. 6-8 and Matthew 27:41-44. Is there anything that surprises you from this prophecy, like its accuracy? Have you ever been in a group that mocked Jesus or had emotions stirred when hearing anyone mock Jesus?
3. Read Vrs. 9-11. What do these verses state about the coming Savior? Look at Psalm 31:5 and Luke 23:46. Do the Psalm and Luke passages reveal how Jesus trusted in God? How have you found faith to trust God at this level?
4. How do you feel about the intentionality and preciseness of the prophecies concerning Jesus' last days and how does it impact how you trust God now?
5. When you see what Jesus went through for our salvation, and that we have been adopted into the family of God (Ephesians 1:3-6), what are the responses we can have in gratitude to Him?
6. Consider vs. 18 in the Psalm and read aloud John 19:23-24. Have you had others benefit from your own misfortune and act as if your pain meant nothing? How did you respond?

**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  
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

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