

# WELCOME

April 21, 2024

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

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GATEWAYMERCED.ORG

## SUNDAY SERVICE - 8:30AM & 10:15AM

Join us in person at: 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 8AM & 9:45AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 6 wks - Kinder | Preschool Wing
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4



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Or LIVE on our YouTube Channel

## NEW TO CHURCH?

Go to our Guest Center for next steps or scan QR code to fill out our connection card



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## DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCHCENTER APP

- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
- Check out the available small groups
- Fill out connection card

## GATEWAY WIFI

Scan to Connect : GCC-CHURCH



Scan for WiFi

## SOCIAL MEDIA

@gatewaymerced

353 E DONNA DR MERCED, CA | (209)723-4283

# EVENTS

## 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.

## SECOND SERVICE TIME CHANGE, STARTING NEXT SUNDAY 4/28

After consulting with our Sunday ministries, we have decided to push our second service, starting April 28, to 10:30AM. This will allow each ministry to have more wiggle room in transitioning and preparing for our second service. Our prayer team will also be replacing their 9:45AM prayer meeting to 10-10:20AM for that service.

## BAPTISMS | NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Once Jesus becomes the center of your life, you'll want to outwardly declare how God's been changing your life. If you are interested in getting baptized you can call the Church at (209) 723-4283 or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

## SPECIAL NEEDS FOCUS GROUP | APR 25 6:30-7:30PM

YOU'RE INVITED...We would love to hear from families of Gateway Church as we respond to the growing thriving ministries here at Gateway. We believe God is calling Gateway Church, (already inclusive of Special Needs kids, young adults and people of all ages) with the opportunity to hear and know the gospel, which is for everyone! We want to use any obstacles and turn them into an opportunity for God to use our ministries and optimize our reach for individuals and families with Special Needs. Join us April 25 from 6:30-7:30PM in the Student Center. Childcare provided RSVP to bschwesinger@gatewaymerced.org.

## CIY YOUTH CAMPS FUNDRAISER NEXT SUNDAY

Our youth will be selling breakfast burritos after both services to raise money for the cost of CIY Camps this summer. Please stop by next Sunday and support them if you can. Cost \$8 includes burrito & drink. We appreciate our Gateway family!

## GRIEFSHARE | NEW CLASS STARTING TOMORROW, APRIL 22

GriefShare is for anyone needing a support system as they walk through a difficult time. Please look online at the Gateway website under small groups to find out more information.

## 30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR PASTORAL TRANSITION

Grab a booklet or scan the QR code to join our church in prayer for 30 days. We will be praying specifically for the pastoral transition taking place this year: Pastor Al stepping down as Senior Pastor as well as Pastor Dylan stepping into the role of Lead Pastor.



### 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
- Bus Ministry
- Small Groups

Area of Interest:

### Comments, Prayer Requests: Confidential (Staff Only)

Best way to Contact me:  Text  Call  Email

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A - Already a Follower of Jesus

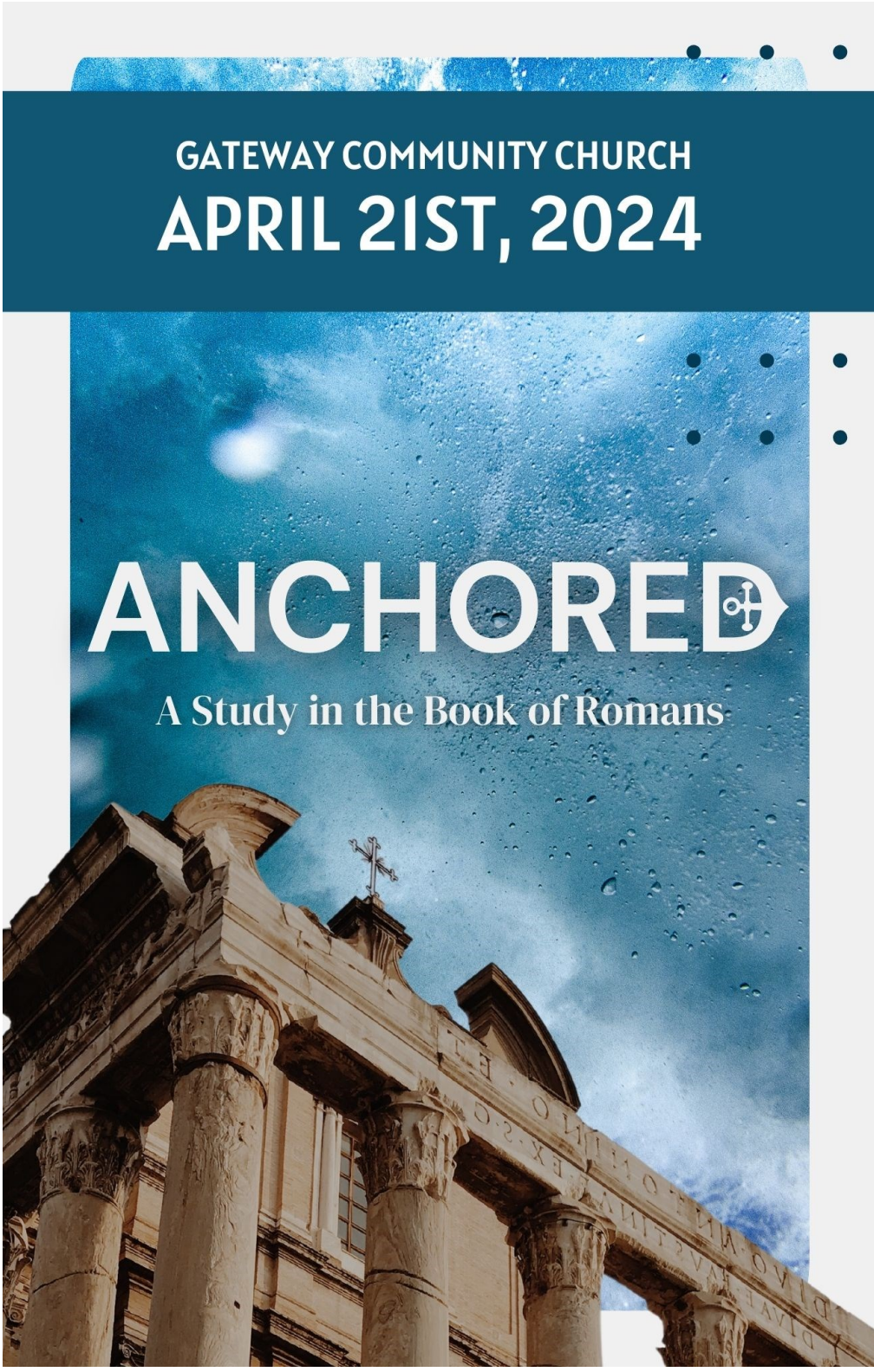
B - Believing Today (For the First Time)

C - Considering

D - Don't Think I Ever Will



Series: Anchored... - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 4-21-24



**FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST**

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:**

Do you remember the moment you said 'Yes!' to Jesus? What details of that moment do you remember most vividly?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Romans 9:1-33

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

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

Read over Romans

1. In verse 3 Paul says that if he could, he'd accept the curse of being cut off from Christ for the sake of the non-believing Jews. Why does he care about them so much? Do you think we have enough compassion for those who don't yet know Jesus?
2. How do we live "fully dependent upon and submissive to God's Word?"
3. What does God's sovereignty mean to you and how does it affect your life?
4. If God chooses us, and "salvation belongs to the Lord", what responsibility do we have in helping Him build His church?
5. Have you ever prayed the sinner's prayer with someone? If yes, please share. If not, why do you think that is?
6. Paul writes about the doctrine of 'justification by faith alone' (again) in verses 30-33. At this point in our Anchored series, is this something you fully understand and can explain? (Law vs. Grace + Works vs. Faith, etc.)

**APPLY IT TODAY:**

What was most important for you to remember today and why?

**Communication/Prayer Request Card**

**April 21, 2024**

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms \_\_\_\_\_  Change in Contact Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

- I'm new to Gateway:  1<sup>st</sup> Visit  I've been here a few times
- I attend here often  I'm a member

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