

WELCOME

April 23, 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.



GATEWAY NEWS

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Today we have the privilege of welcoming into membership some families who have gone through our Membership Class and are officially joining us as members, promising to respond to God's love by joining us in loving God, loving each other, and loving His world! Join us in welcoming them to the family today.

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 TODAY

Our youth will be selling pulled pork sandwiches after the service to raise money for the cost of CIY Camps this summer. A \$10 suggested donation includes a pulled pork sandwich, mac & cheese, coleslaw and drink. Please stop by and support them if you can. We appreciate the generosity of our Gateway family!

BAPTISMS // NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

MEET AND GREET // SUN, MAY 7

Are you new to Gateway and/or would like to get plugged into our church? Come and meet some of our Gateway staff and members at our 'Meet N Greet' Sun, May 7 after the service in C6. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER // MAY 4 AT NOON // BOB HART SQUARE

This is a special day where around the world, people gather together for prayer-we pray for the town, our nation and the people and leaders in it. We pray for God's love to enrich our world.

FACILITY MANAGER POSITION OPEN

Will consider one full time person or multiple part-time people who are organized and have a handyman mindset. Application and Job description available upon request. Inquire at jobs@gatewaymerced.org.

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



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Foundations - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 4-23-23

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 special family traditions do you always do each year? How did they begin and are they important to you? Why or why not?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Communion

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. Read aloud John 6:53-66. Notice how offended and put off the people are. What is Jesus talking about? Why does He say it this way? How do you feel about these words?
2. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. When did you first take or understand communion? What do you think it means to "proclaim the Lord's death"?
3. Does taking communion change you? How does it do this?
4. Go back to 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 and discuss the "guidelines" for taking communion. Do you agree with these? How have you experienced this?
5. Read aloud Romans 6:3-7. Have you been baptized? If you have, how would you say it united you to His death? Did you see any changes going forward from your baptism? Talk about them.
6. Have you accepted your forgiveness in Christ? Does it excite you to think that God is calling you to His table to eat with Him? What is that "dining" like for you?
7. In what ways will taking communion be the same for you moving forward? Different? What stands in the way of you embracing and experiencing the concepts in these questions?

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.

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? _____

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GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
APRIL 23, 2023

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