

WELCOME

April 30, 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 // *KIDS IN SERVICE TODAY
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // *NOT MEETING THIS WEEK

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.



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GATEWAY NEWS

BAPTISM TODAY!

Individuals and families have come forward with the desire to publicly profess or re-affirm their faith through baptism, and for some, present their young children for Covenant baptism. Jesus said let the little children come to him do not hinder them; and that all of heaven rejoices when one person repents. Please join us AND heaven in celebrating with all those being baptized today.

MEET AND GREET // NEXT 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' NEXT 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 // THUR. 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.

TEXT TO GIVE

You can give to Gateway using your mobile phone! Give instantly from your credit/debit card/ApplePay with a single text message. Text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. Or you can give online at gatewaymerced.org/give.

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 4-30-23

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 was the worst thing you ever did as a child that you are comfortable sharing today? What was your immediate feeling after?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Baptism Sunday!

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. What ideas of baptism have you had? In other words, what were some of your ideas, or other peoples, of what baptism was for or about?
2. Read Mark 1:4. What was John's baptism for? The baptism Jesus instituted symbolizes death and resurrection in Acts 2:38-41 and Rom. 6:1-5. How do we understand the difference between John's baptism and Jesus' baptism?
3. In what way does baptism have importance for believers? In other words, can you think of some reasons God would institute this sacrament for you?
4. Read Matthew 3:11 together and answer how you would interpret John's words about baptism? What is it that makes sense? Confuses you?
5. Baptism has often been described two ways. There's your spiritual baptism, when you believe and the Holy Spirit comes. And there's a physical baptism, in water. How does Romans 6:5-11 bring the "new life" idea of your spiritual baptism into focus? What is described in those verses?
6. If we have been "set free from sin"(vs. 6) why do we still commit sin? What does Romans 6:5-11 speak about your freedom(vs. 7)? How does it make you feel that you are "set free from sin", forever?
7. What is the greatest truth about baptism, from today's study, that you must continue to remember? What verse provides for this truth?

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 30, 2023

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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