

# WELCOME

May 15, 2022

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](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*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 // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom  
[www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- 1st - 5th Grade // 9AM & 11AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM & 11AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym \*LAST MTG. OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

### TUESDAY

Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym \*LAST MTG. OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

### THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

#### JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

353 E DONNA DR // MERCED, CA 95340

PHONE: (209)723-4283 WEB: [GATEWAYMERCED.ORG](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM: @GATEWAYMERCED

## GATEWAY NEWS |

### BAPTISM CLASS// TODAY

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us TODAY in A4&5 for a 45 minute orientation after each service. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283. Baptisms will be held May 29.

### COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. 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.

### SATURATE 95340

We are partnering with Saturate USA in adopting our zip code 95340. For more info check out [www.saturateusa.org](http://www.saturateusa.org). To answer the call go to Next Steps and reply Saturate Merced for more info, or stop by the Info booth.

### BAPTISM BRUNCH-BAPTISM CLASS FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS'

If you have a child who is interested in baptism join us Sat, May 21 at 10AM for a special interactive class and brunch made just for kids! Next kids Baptisms will be held on May 29th. If you have any questions contact Kendra Singer at [ksinger@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:ksinger@gatewaymerced.org).

### END OF SCHOOL BASH YOUTH EVENT

Friday, May 20 from 7-11PM, along with 1st Assembly & Christian Life Center, we will be celebrating the end of another school year with our annual party at Gateway with fun, games, lots of amazing prizes, Kona Ice snow cones and more! Only \$5 per student (all current 6-12 graders welcome) at the door for our last fun-filled youth night of the school year!!

### JOIN THE BUS MINISTRY!

To find out more or to sign up please fill out the Communication Card, email [info@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:info@gatewaymerced.org), or visit our website at [gatewaymerced.org/serve](http://gatewaymerced.org/serve). \*Passenger Endorsement" is a plus but not required. Come join the team and LITERALLY bring people to Jesus!

### UGANDA - TEAM PEARL

The team is preparing to head to Africa to join the work with friends in that region, please keep us in prayer for physical support and health leading to the trip and while away. Also, if you would like to donate to help this trip succeed, you can do so by texting a dollar amount Uganda to 84321 - (ie - 100 Uganda to 84321). Please feel free to stop one of our team to ask about the trip! Trip dates are May 26 - June 7.

#### Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Kid's Ministries
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Small Groups
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/ Young Adults

#### Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me:  Text  Call  Email

Nehemiah Study - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 5-15-22

**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:**

Where, in your life, did you find preparation for something very useful (i.e., a trade, hobby, trip, etc.? Discuss what that was together.

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Luke 4:1-30 "Temptation and the Holy Spirit"

**DIGGING DEEPER:** (Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to **not** do every question)

1. Luke 4 starts right after Jesus' baptism. How did He determine to go into the wilderness and why would He go into an uncomfortable circumstance like that, only to be tempted 40 days? Does that make sense to you? Luke 4:1-2
2. Luke 22:31-34 refers to a conversation Jesus had between Himself and Satan, about Peter. Why would Jesus allow Satan to do that to Peter and the disciples and what similarities do you see between Luke 4 and this passage?
3. How would you respond if you were led into a "wilderness moment" by the Holy Spirit? Would anyone want to describe one of these times you had?
4. Pastor Al also spoke about Jesus being led by the Holy Spirit to do battle in advancing God's kingdom. How are you led by the Holy Spirit?
5. How can you look more like Jesus this next week in your efforts to "advance God's kingdom"? Think about all that Jesus went through to accomplish this.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- I'm new to Gateway:  1<sup>st</sup> 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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