

# WELCOME

May 21, 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

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // *Instagram @inspiregateway*
- Catalyst High School // [gatewaymerced.org/youth](http://gatewaymerced.org/youth)
- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // 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



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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### 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 !

Today our youth will be selling BBQ hamburgers & hotdogs after service to raise money for the cost of CIY Camps this summer. Please stop by and support them if you can. We appreciate the continued generosity of our Gateway family! Any questions, contact Pastor Isaac.

### ATTENTION ADVENTURERS!

If you have an interest or hobby that you are willing to include others on, we would like to hear from you. We would like to line up some summer connecting groups and looking for people who are willing to line up an activity and invite others-motorcycle run, painting, sports activity, disc golf, the ideas are endless. We want to provide a summer list and would like to include your activity. Fill out the Communication card and let us know your idea.

### FACILITY MANAGER POSITION OPEN

Will consider one full time person or multiple part-time people who are organized and have a handyman mindset. Scan the QR Code to view Job Description or to Apply. Application and Job description are also available at the Guest Center. Questions? Email [gccjobs@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:gccjobs@gatewaymerced.org).



### PENTECOST WORSHIP GATHERING // MAY 28 // MERCED HIGH

Join us on Sun, May 28 at 6PM as we worship together as the Church of Merced at the Merced High Football Stadium. We hope to see you there!

### 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 5-21-23*

**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 was your best friend growing up? What qualities of the friendship did you both experience to create that bond?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Deuteronomy 5:6-33, 6:1-9, Matthew 19:19  
Matthew 28:20 - "The Pre-eminent Command"

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

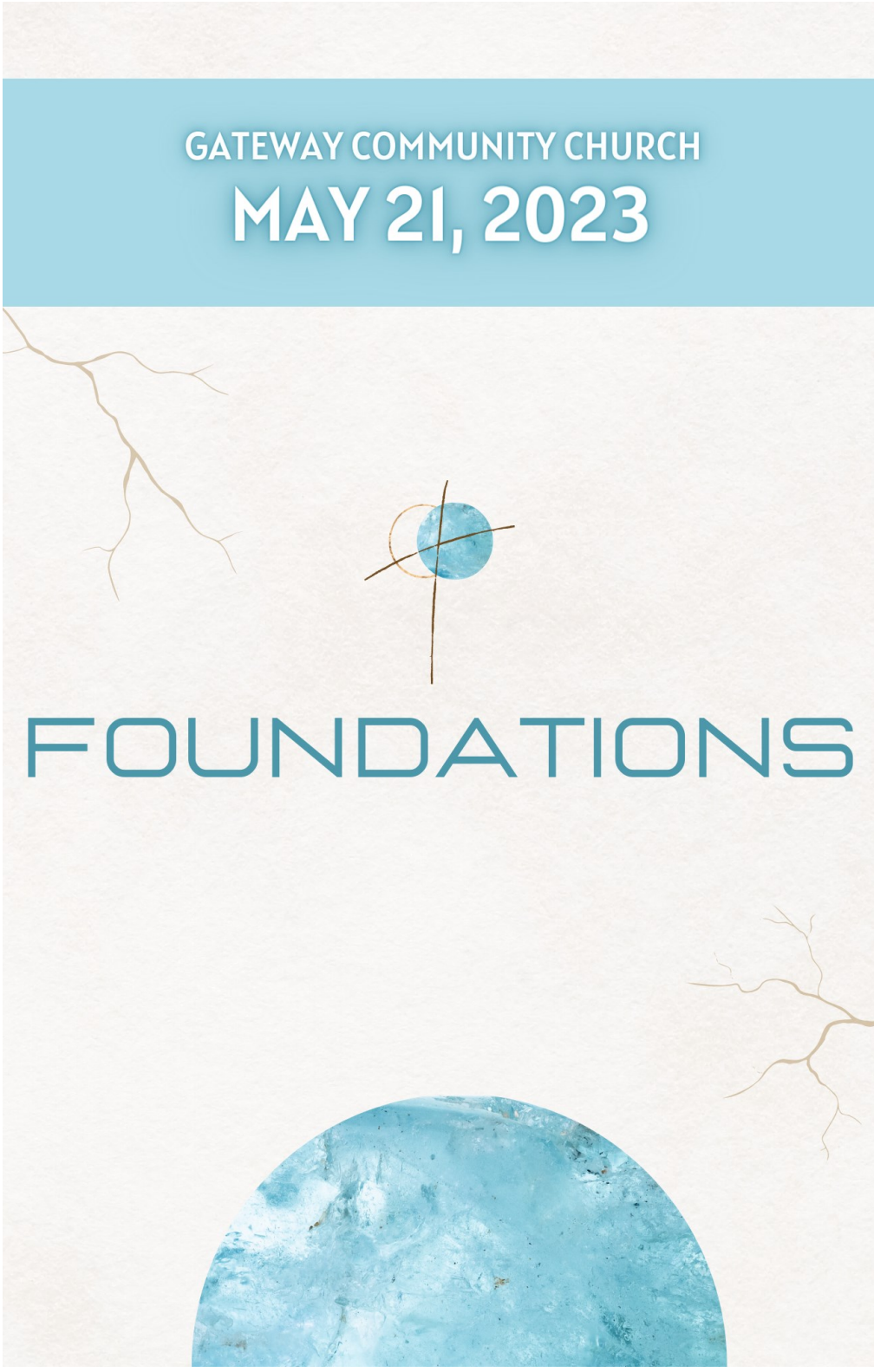
*(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

**Read aloud 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 to discover more on love. Use diff. translations**

1. List the definitions of love from these 5 verses. Why would we relate this passage to the last 5 of the 10 Commandments from Sunday's message?
2. Vs. 4 starts with love being patient and kind. How have you experienced these working together and what do they together produce in us?
3. Vrs. 4-5 also say what love is not: jealous, boastful, proud or rude. How are these related? What are ways we exhibit these and how is it helpful to allow others into our lives to keep us accountable in our actions?
4. Put vs. 5 into your own words. Take your time and allow the text to come alive. What is it that you need to reflect upon from this verse, personally?
5. What are ways you can "rejoice in the truth"(vs. 6) within or outside the church? Use different translations of this verse. Is it possible to do this?
6. Vs. 7 says love bears, believes, hopes, endures all things. Why can this be hard to do today?
7. Vs. 8 "Love never fails." Look at the other three gifts that will fail or be done away with. What is this verse telling you about the importance of love? How important is how we carry out love for each other since it will never fail?

**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**

**May 21, 2023**

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? \_\_\_\_\_