

WELCOME

May 29, 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

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

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GATEWAY NEWS |

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP 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.

-A big welcome to the new families becoming members today!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS // MEMORIAL DAY

The church office will be CLOSED May 30 In Observance of Memorial Day.

CIY STUDENT FUNDRAISER ENDS TODAY

If you've grabbed an envelope but haven't returned it with your donation, please turn it in today if possible. Also, it's not too late to participate in helping over 50 MS/HS students attend CIY Summer Camps as well as being able to pray for a student and attend our Dessert Testimony Night after the camps. You can grab an envelope and donate at the back of the gym today or go online and using the 'give' button on our church website you can choose to give to "youth camps." We appreciate all the financial gifts and support we've received from our Gateway family!

UGANDA - TEAM PEARL

Gateway, thank you so much for your continued support of missions overseas! Please pray for the team while they are in Uganda (5/26-6/7).

10AM SERVICE

Summertime is rolling in! Starting today and going through the end of August we will be having one service at 10AM. Our livestream time will also change and be held at 10AM.

MEET AND GREET // NEXT SUNDAY // JUNE 12

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, June 12 after both services in A4&5. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

GATEWAY COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

If you are attending a Christian College/University, (either in person or online) for the 2022-2023 school year, you may be eligible to receive a grant. Deadline to apply is June 24. Applications are available online at our website.

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.

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- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
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- 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

Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 5-29-22

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:**

Have you ever been in the position to hire prospective employees? Or maybe choose members for a team? Discuss any situation you have been in relating to this.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Read aloud Luke 6:12-16 - God Uses Ordinary People

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

1. At this time in Luke 6, we don't know how many disciples Jesus has. Here He picks 12 apostles from that group. The word "disciple" means pupil. An "apostle" is an ambassador. Are you a pupil? An ambassador? What are you wanting for your walk with Him?
2. It seems evident in this passage that Jesus knew He was about to ordain some men, so He spent all night praying. How have you learned to include God and listen to Him as you travel on your path before Him?
3. In this list of 12 whom Jesus appoints, some we rarely read about again. Are we willing to work steadily without mention/acclaim? Conversely, are you willing to be "up front" if that is where you are called?
4. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 1:25-28. Focus on these words: foolish, weak, base, despised. God often uses those of us in those categories to shame the "wise" and "powerful". Recount how God has used you despite your own limitations. Why does He work this way?
5. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 1:29-31. How does God feel about boasting? In verse 30, He does mention attributes/conditions that can be boasted about. How do we keep ourselves humble when we have been used successfully by God?

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.

May 29, 2022

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

I'm new to Gateway: 1st Visit I attend here often I'm a member

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? _____

