

# WELCOME

May 7, 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
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

### TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // *Instagram @inspiregateway*

### 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 |

### MEET AND GREET // TODAY

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' TODAY 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!

### END OF SCHOOL BASH FOR YOUTH // FRI, MAY 19

All students (current 6-12th graders) are invited to join us for our annual end of the school year party on May 19 for fun, games, prizes, Kona Ice and the return of Xtreme Bingo! All the info can be found at: [gatewaymerced.org/youth](http://gatewaymerced.org/youth) or reach out to Pastor Isaac: [iparra@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:iparra@gatewaymerced.org).

### 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 [info@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:info@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).

### 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](http://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 5-7-23

**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 most inspiring coach or teacher? Did they change the way you thought or how you performed? How did they do that?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Colossians 3:5-14 and Ephesians 2:8-10. New Life

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

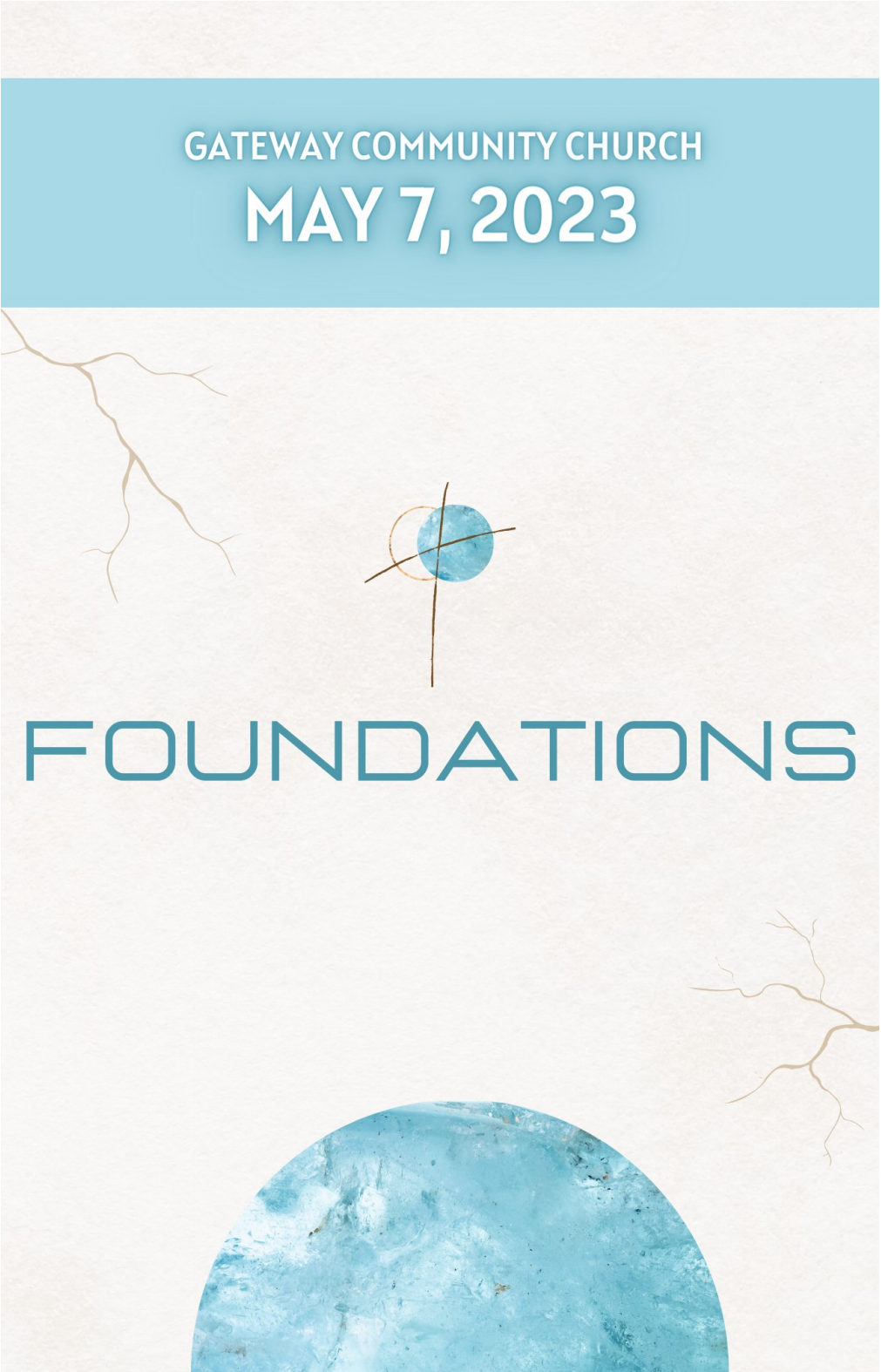
*(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

*Read Romans 8:1-11, Colossians 3:5-14*

1. In vs. 1, how does being "in Christ Jesus" impact how you view your relationship with God and access to heaven? What encourages you?
2. What are the two ways to live, which are opposites, found in vs. 4-8? Describe the difference between each?
3. What type of comfort should the Christian get from vrs. 9-11? Since we are in the "realm of the Spirit(NIV)" what would you say will be the practical result of living this way?
4. Speaking of the practical result of living in the "realm of the Spirit," read through Ephesians 4:22-32. What are the ways believers should live, as listed?
5. Which ones of these things have proven to be easiest for you? Hardest?
6. How would a person "grieve the Holy Spirit"(vs. 30)? Have you ever considered the amount of times you have grieved the Holy Spirit? How does someone resolve that?
7. How does the believer continue to do the right thing for the right reason? In other words, how do you do works out of relationship and a response of love to God, instead of out of duty?

**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 7, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Change in Contact Info

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- I'm new to Gateway:  1<sup>st</sup> Visit  I've been here a few times
- I attend here often  I'm a member

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_