# W E L C O M E June 12, 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 // 10AM // Rooms D1 D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing
- Gateway Students Summer Schedule: gatewaymerced.org/youth

#### **GET CONNECTED:**

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#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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# GATEWAY NEWS

# MEET AND GREET // JOIN US 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 Room A4&5. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

#### **GATEWAY STUDENTS ATTENDING CIY CAMP**

CIY Parent/Student Meetings or those going to CIY, we have meetings today 11:15AM-Noon in the Library (right of the women's restroom) and Tuesday, 7-8PM in the Gym. These are mandatory so please choose one to attend for all the info needed for our summer camps!

## **UGANDA - TEAM PEARL // UPDATE**

The team is back and free to meet with anyone interested in knowing more about their incredible experience in Uganda. Contact Kevin at 209-723-4283.

#### **10AM SERVICE REMINDER**

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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **GATEWAY YOUTUBE**

Help us reach 1000 subscribers by subscribing to our YouTube page Gateway Community Church Merced.

#### **GATEWAY'S DAILY PRAYERS**

To receive the Daily Prayers via email call the Church office at 723-4283 or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

<ul><li>□ Baptism</li><li>□ Becoming a Follower of Jesus</li><li>□ Church Membership</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Kid's Ministries</li><li>☐ RightNow Media</li><li>☐ Serving at Gateway</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Small Groups</li><li>☐ Worship Ministry</li><li>☐ Youth Ministries</li></ul>	☐ College/Young Adults
Comments, Prayer Requests: ☐ Confidential (Staff Only) Best w	er Requests: ff Only) Best way to Contact me: □ Text □ Call □ Email	t 🗆 Call 🗅 Email	

Contact Me About:

If you are Address: I'm new to Gateway:

1st Visit

I've been here a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? I've been here a few times Best Contact Phone: I attend here often Change City: in Contact Info I'm a member

Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 6-12-22

# 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.

# **OUICK REVIEW**

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/Prayer

Request

Card

12,

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

# \*OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:

In life, how do you figure out whom to trust? Talk about when you've misplaced trust or, conversely, when it worked out as you hoped.

#### **SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Read aloud Luke 6:37-49 - The Proof of a Follower/Disciple

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

- 1. Look again at verses 39-42. Have you known "teachers" who taught human wisdom as if it was God's wisdom? Have you experienced a "blind guide" or perhaps been one yourself? What pit did you fall into? How do we safeguard ourselves from these types?
- 2. Verses 43-45 talk about the good fruit coming from a good storehouse in our lives. Romans 3:12 quotes the Old Testament scriptures in teaching us that there are none good. So then how can we produce good fruit?
- 3. Look again at verses 46-49. Have you ever found yourself to be talking the talk (calling Jesus "Lord") but not walking the walk? How was that brought to your attention? What did you do?
- 4. This section teaches that obedience creates a safe, secure foundation for our lives. Notice that either way, the storms still come. Discuss what you have experienced on both sides: coping with troubles while doing life your own way, compared to striving to follow God in the face of opposition.
- 5. Read aloud 1 John 4:7-11. Love should distinguish us from the world. What have you experienced in learning how Jesus' love for you can be shared with those around you? Contrary to some thinking, love is both an emotion and a verb. How does positive emotion encourage & prompt you to action?

# **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?

