

WELCOME

June 18, 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
- **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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // *Instagram @inspiregateway*
- Catalyst High School // gatewaymerced.org/youth
- Crossroads Middle School // gatewaymerced.org/youth

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

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| GATEWAY NEWS |

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Need to build an ark? I Noah guy. Happy Father's Day! Thank you for the laughs and love you shower us with!

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.

MENS' BREAKFAST | JULY 1ST | 8-9:30AM | RM. C6/GYM

Join us for a hearty meal as we gather to further discuss potential upcoming events for the men's ministry. If you would like to be a part of God's movement in empowering you and the men at Gateway, to build in community, and grow in your relationship with Jesus, then stop by!

GATEWAY SUMMER CAMP // WE HAVE A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

Summer camp runs Mon-Fri from 7:30AM-5:30PM. Cost is \$125 per week. Email Brandy at bschwesinger@gatewaymerced.org to check availability.

GATEWAY'S 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY // JULY 30TH!

Mark your Calendars for our big event: Gateway's 40-Year Anniversary on July 30th! Celebrate how the Lord is our Banner through our 40 years of ministry. More details to come.

*If you would like to help with the celebration, email Amairani at amitten@gatewaymerced.org.

GATEWAY COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP // DEADLINE EXTENDED

If you are attending a Christian College/University, (either in person or online) for the 2023-2024 school year, you may be eligible to receive a grant. Deadline to apply is June 22. Applications are available online at our website gatewaymerced.org/give.

WORSHIP PLAYLIST

Need encouragement throughout the week? Check out Gateway's YouTube worship playlist! This is meant to strengthen your faith, allow you to spend time with God, and ultimately to worship Him because He is most worthy to be praised. Enjoy! www.gatewaymerced.org

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.

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 6-18-23

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:**

Ever have a desire for something, but you were afraid to ask your parents or boss if you could have it? If you asked, how did it turn out?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 6:5-15 - Our Father...

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. Read Aloud **Psalm 5**. The sermon focuses on praying to our Father, notice in vrs 1-2, David mentions 3 other names/titles by which to address God. Consider these (including Father) and see what each emphasizes when you use it in prayer.
2. In the same two verses, David asks God to listen three different ways. Identify each and consider what each means in a plea for help.
3. Vs 3 calls for morning prayers. Why morning? Other times of the day are obviously suitable for prayer.
4. Vs 3 also says that David will order his prayers. His word "order" comes from laying out wood you will build with, or at times, lay out battle plans. What does this tell you about these kinds of prayers?
5. Also in vs 3, he says he will watch after he prays. This word is the one used to keep watch as a spy. What does it tell you about his expectation?
6. In vrs 4-7, there is a comparison between the evil ones and David. How can David make this claim about himself?
7. Look at the promise in vs 7. How have you found this promise to be true so far in your Christian life? Also, what does it say about your future?

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

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Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. Change in Contact Info

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____ Apt: _____ City: _____

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

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

