

# WELCOME

June 4, 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](http://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 // [gatewaymerced.org/youth](http://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 |

### INSPIRE COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS JESUS REVOLUTION

If you are in the 18-25ish age range, join us this Thursday night, June 8 for our college ministry showing of "Jesus Revolution". We'll meet upstairs in the gym area at 7PM. Feel free to bring your own movie snacks! We hope to see you then!

### GATEWAY COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

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 15. Applications are available online at our website [gatewaymerced.org/give](http://gatewaymerced.org/give).

### CIY YOUTH FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you Gateway Church for your support of our youth! Through our Sunday meals, we accomplished our goal of raising 50% of the registration costs for our students. However, we still need about \$3400 to meet our \$8000 budget for van rentals, gas, leader registrations, etc. Any additional financial support would be much appreciated and would help bring about life change through our CIY Camps!

### 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.

### 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).

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can recycle your old ink cartridges right here at Gateway. All you have to do is bring them to the office or the information booth, and we will recycle them for you.

### 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 6-4-23

**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:**

What type of fruit was your favorite growing up? What experience of fruit trees/plants did you have and how did you see them cared for?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Galatians 5:16-26

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

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

**Read Galatians 5:16-26 together.**

1. Look back over your Christian life. How have you heard the Holy Spirit and knew it was Him? Were you ever confused about if you could hear Him?
2. Vs. 16 in today's reading speaks about walking by the Spirit. What's the definition of "walking" and how would you practically "walk" in the Spirit today? Use other translations as necessary.
3. From the text, what are the things that are "contrary" in our daily lives, if we are to live by the Spirit? What examples of Christians who stopped battling, in other words they gave into the flesh, have you witnessed and what did it produce in their lives in the long run?
4. Paul writes about the fruit of the Spirit in vs. 22. Give examples of how you have seen this fruit growth over the past 1-10 yrs. How does this fruit manifest in your life and what do you need to work on?
5. Vs. 25 reiterates that we are to stay "in step with" the Holy Spirit. How is this similar or different than vs. 16 and "walking" in the Spirit?
6. Read Acts 8:29(26-40 as time allows). How do you think the Spirit "told Philip" what to do and how can you be sure to grow to this type of relationship with the Holy Spirit in the coming year?

**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.

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'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? \_\_\_\_\_

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