

WELCOME

July 17, 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:

gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2

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| GATEWAY NEWS |

BAPTISMS CLASS TODAY// ROOM A4&5

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us TODAY after the service in A4&5. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283. Baptisms will be celebrated on Sunday, July 31.

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.

CIY DESSERT & TESTIMONY NIGHT

All camp parents and those who donated through our envelope fundraiser are invited to join us for a special night of videos, testimonies and dessert to celebrate what God did at the 2 summer camp weeks at CIY; Sunday, July 24 7-8:15PM at Gateway. If you'd still like to donate towards our transportation needs and attend, please give through offering or online towards "Youth Camps." In order to plan for dessert and the space needed, please RSVP to Pastor Isaac at iparra@gatewaymerced.org by Thursday, July 22. Thanks so much for all your support!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING SOON // AUGUST 7 - SEPTEMBER 18

Interested in becoming a member? Want to learn more about who we are and what we stand for? Starting Sunday, August 7 in Rm. M4 after service, we'll be providing Discover Membership classes. We'd love to get to know you better and for us to discover together if Gateway is the home God has in store for you and your family!

IT'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH AT GATEWAY!

Every week we will be highlighting our volunteer ministries and showing our appreciation for all they do to make our church thrive! Please join us in thanking all the volunteers by writing on a sticky note and placing it on the wall inside the gym. If you would like to learn more about serving in these ministries, go to gatewaymerced.org/serve.

HOW DO I LEAD A SMALL GROUP?

We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn how to lead a small group. If you believe the Lord has gifted you to serve in this area, but you are unsure of where to start or afraid you aren't qualified, please sign up for this incredible opportunity. You will learn how to love people, facilitate a study, and create a great learning environment. And we'll help! Email Pastor Kevin at kborges@gatewaymerced.org or turn in a filled out communication card with this interest for more information as this class will begin soon.

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Kid's Ministries
- RightNow Media
- 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 7-17-22

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:**

What was something you were taught when you were younger that you really enjoyed or stayed with you in life? Who was the person who taught you and how did you view their efforts at the time? Today?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Luke 9:21-27 - Follow

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

Read Luke 14:25-35 together

1. How would you feel if you were in the "large crowd" and heard the words Jesus spoke, specifically in vrs. 26-27? What do you think He means?
2. What are the "crosses" you may carry in your life (vs27)?
3. Jesus uses two analogies to bring His point home in vrs. 28-32. Why would Jesus use these analogies to help understand counting the cost of following Him?
4. Look at vs 33 and discuss how giving up everything applies for us today.
5. At the end of this passage, Jesus brings up salt as a metaphor. It can be physically diluted or contaminated to lose its saltiness. How does a Christian maintain his/her saltiness?
6. When you review this passage, what is the one thing that is staying with you about being a disciple for Jesus?

APPLY IT TODAY:

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember ? Why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?

Communication/Prayer Request Card

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

July 17, 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? _____

