

WELCOME

July 31, 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 // *KIDS IN SERVICE TODAY
- 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 |

BAPTISM TODAY!

Individuals and families have come forward with the desire to publicly profess or re-affirm their faith through baptism, and for some, present their young children for Covenant baptism. Jesus said let the little children come to Him do not hinder them; and that all of heaven rejoices when one person repents. Please join us AND heaven in celebrating with all those being baptized today.

FREE YOUTH RALLY IN THE VALLEY // FRI, AUG 5 // 6-9PM

6th-12 Grade Students are invited to join other Merced-area youth for a pre-party, fun & games, raffle prizes, and a main event that could change your life! Reserve your spot: rallyinthevalley.info

MEET AND GREET // AUG 14

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' Sun, Aug 14 after the service in A4&5. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

GIANT FAMILY GAME NIGHT // FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 // 6:30-8:30 PM

You are invited! 20+ giant games, toddler zone, kid zone, youth zone, concessions, giveaways, and much more fun! Back to school blessing | Backpack tags | Free school supply raffle.

FIND YOUR PEOPLE WOMEN'S EVENT // AUGUST 27 // 9AM-12PM

Fellowship with other women, worship our God as one, and get the practical tools to initiate *deep and meaningful* conversations with the people God is bringing you together with, in a rich and intimate way of living! RSVP for childcare when registering at gatewaymerced.org/events.

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.

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
- 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 7-31-22

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:**

Have you ever been hired and had to change your personal behavior (not ethics or integrity) in order to work for them? How did that adaptation facilitate your performance?

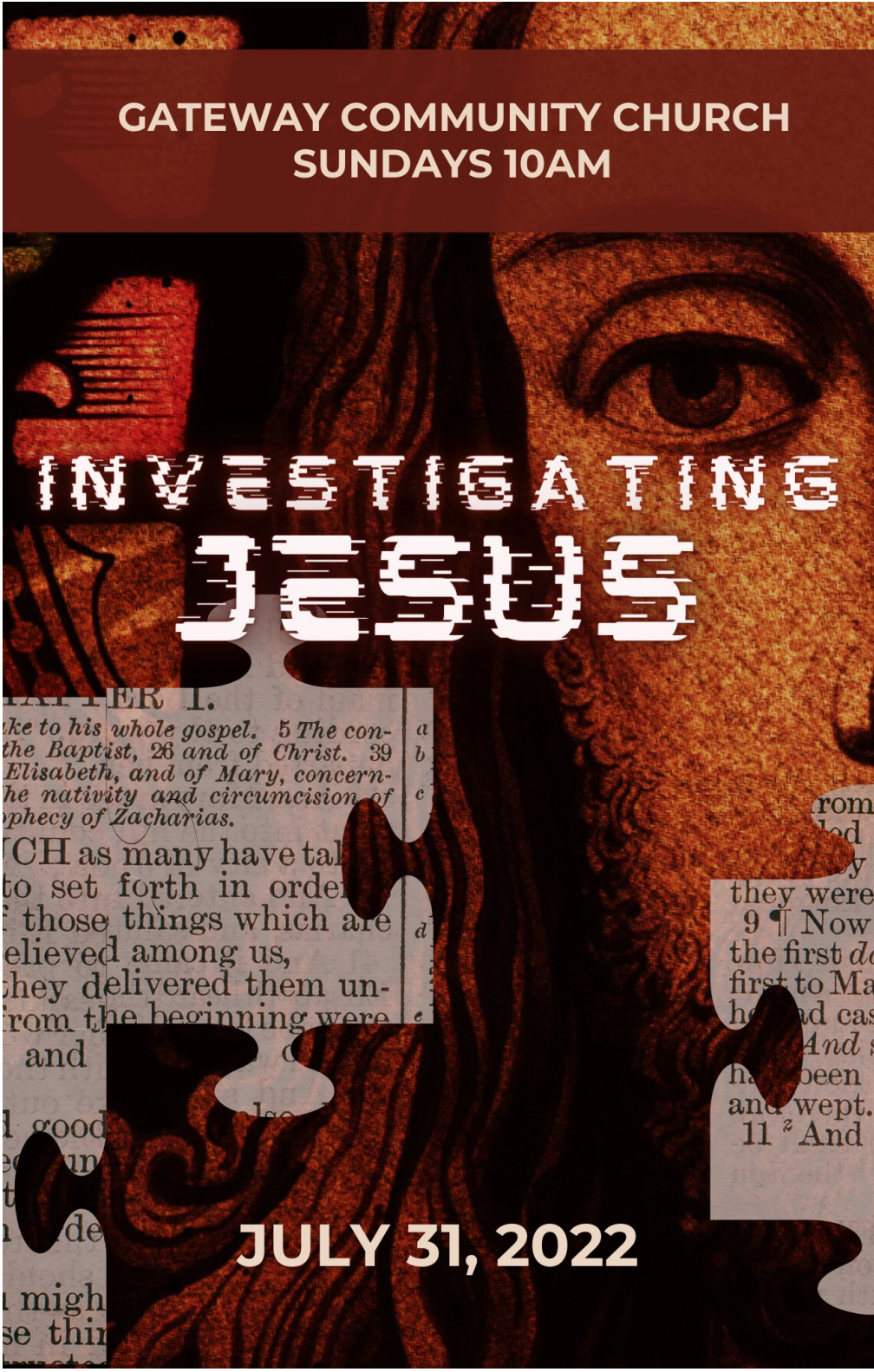
SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 10:1-24 Investigating Jesus

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

1. Pick out the main points Jesus tells the 72 to do or not do (vs. 1-16).
2. What are the similarities to Luke 10:1-16, that you find in Matthew 28:18-20?
3. What parts of this great commission (Matt. 28:18-20) have been easiest for you? Hardest?
4. Discuss what "making disciples of all nations" communicate to you?
5. Paul takes the great commission seriously in 1Cor. 9:19-23. How does Paul adapt himself so that he communicates Jesus' message clearly?
6. How much can you personally adapt to make sure you communicate the gospel? Are there any limits to how you present, where you present or whom you present to?
7. Review vs. 23 in the NIV, ESV and NKJV translations. The most important thing to Paul is the gospel and the shared blessings associated with it. What does it mean for you to remember the priority and the blessings of sharing the gospel this week?

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?



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Communication/Prayer Request Card

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

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Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____ 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? _____