

# WELCOME

August 21, 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](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
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

### TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

### THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // @inspiregateway

### GET CONNECTED:

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### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## | GATEWAY NEWS |

### 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.

### HOW TO LEAD A SMALL GROUP TRAINING // THIS WED, AUG. 24

Training is in C6 THIS Wednesday night at 6:30PM. If you would like to find out how to lead a small group, or just get a refresher before we begin our Fall groups. We'll have fun and give you the tools needed to lead a successful small group! Contact Pastor Kevin at [kborges@gatewaymerced](mailto:kborges@gatewaymerced) for any other details.

### COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS - INSPIRE // COMING SOON

College and Young Adults - INSPIRE - Thursday night, Sept. 1 we begin the school year schedule: We meet at Gateway Church in the Gym area at 8PM. Sept. 1 is our "Hot and Cold Night" - Wings and Ice Cream provided!! INSPIRE happens weekly and is for anyone seeking to know more about Jesus in Truth, Love and Community - TLC.

### TRANSFIGURED - PATRICIA SANDOVAL//SEPT 11// ST. PATRICK'S

You're invited to join fellow Central Valley pro-life supporters on Sun, Sept 11 at 3PM at St. Patrick's Church, to hear Patricia Sandoval's miraculous story - and be transfigured. Patricia lived on the streets as a homeless drug addict following three abortions and employment at Planned Parenthood. Transfigured by the mercy of God, Patricia now inspires countless souls around the world with her life-changing testimony of hope, forgiveness, and redemption. Visit [possibilityproductions.org](http://possibilityproductions.org) for details.

### 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).

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- Church Membership
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- 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

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Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 8-21-22

**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:**

Share a favorite childhood memory about a house you lived in or visited, growing up? Why was it special?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Luke 11:14-28 Investigating Jesus

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

Today's study is from Ephesians 3:14-19

1. Sunday's message compared our hearts to a house. How do you feel about your heart as a dwelling place or home for someone?
2. From Sunday's message in Luke 11:24, Jesus tells about an exorcized demon, wandering and looking for a house to rest in, meaning someone to demonize. What questions come to mind with the idea that a demon was looking for a "house" to rest in? Discuss this before looking at Ephesians.
3. Now read Ephesians 3:14-19. What are the things Paul prays for in these passages? List them together and discuss how it is a significant prayer.
4. Verse 16 has an amazing statement, "strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being." How would you describe this verse?
5. Vs. 17 brings up the phrase about Christ dwelling in our **hearts** through faith. Describe how your heart is considered as the house Christ lives in, Jesus home? Does this make you reassured, sober, scared, happy, etc?
6. How is being "rooted and established in love" a key component to the promises revealed here in vs. 18-19? What hurdles do you have to accomplish this? What pathways are available for you to accomplish this?
7. How can someone work these promises out with other believers?

**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

August 21, 2022

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 attend here often  I'm a member

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_

