

WELCOME

August 27, 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

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SUNDAY SERVICE - 10AM

Join us in person at: 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 9AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 6 wks - Kinder | Preschool Wing
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4



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EVENTS

COMMUNION / TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. 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.

HOST LEADER REVEAL NIGHT / TOMORROW / 7PM

Sept. 17-Oct 27 we will have the incredible opportunity to take Gateway Community Church through a special small group Bible Study. "Engaging Culture: How Your Faith Can Restore a Broken World" will help our church learn more about how to engage the culture we live in with effectiveness and intentionality. If you are interested in learning more, please sign up today! We will have a special "Reveal" Dessert night **Tomorrow Mon, Aug 28 at 7PM** in order to provide every Host/Leader/Teacher with the necessary tools and direction to best facilitate their group. Sign up today through your bulletin or email us at: info@gatewaymerced.org.

INSPIRE - COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT / THURSDAY AT 8PM

This group begins this Thursday night Aug. 31 at 8PM here at the Gym. Join with us and other friends discovering God's plan and purposes through these unique nights of friends, games, worship and teaching!

HE>I - COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS FALL RETREAT

Registration is now open to sign up for the college and young adults retreat discovering the greatness of God. We will stay above Oakhurst at Camp Sugar Pine Fri. Sep. 15 - Sun. Sept. 17. Cost is \$100 but an early bird cost is \$80 by Sep. 1. Sign up early to get in on this incredible weekend



"ENGAGING CULTURE" SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS HAVE BEGUN!

Please go online at gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups to find a group perfect for you and your family! We have men's, women's, and couples groups happening many days and times of the week, and of course our college and young adults will be studying this at INSPIRE on Thursday nights!



"A NIGHT OF HOPE" WORSHIP NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 30TH, 6PM

Join us on September 30th at 6PM for a night of hope, filled with music and encouragement. This is a free event that will take place at the Kamangar Theater in downtown Merced. Anyone and everyone invited!

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

UNCOMMON - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 8-27-23

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:

When was the last time you were genuinely excited to be doing something? What was exciting about it?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 1:9-15

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

Pick out your most dramatic reader. The rest of you begin softly to hum the Raiders of the Lost Ark (da da dun dun), After 3 seconds the reader jumps in. Mark 1:9-15.

1. Here, we see John baptizing Jesus and after hearing the words, "You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased." What would you be thinking or feeling if you were John the Baptist here?
2. Think about these words, "You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased." What is God saying about Jesus here, in your own words?
3. Can you think of anything significant about Jesus being driven into the wilderness to be tempted? How does it make you feel that He did this?
4. Vs. 13 says He was being ministered to by angels. What does this say to you about Jesus? Have you ever considered this about Him?
5. Jesus shows up preaching the Good News, also known as the Gospel. What clues, if you were one of John's disciples, would lead you to now following Jesus? Would this be an easy or difficult decision, do you think?
6. The baton is passed to Jesus(from John) and what is it Jesus now is instructing people, then and now, to do(vs. 15)? How are you doing at it?

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: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone: _____

- 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? _____

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GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH AUGUST 27TH, 2023



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