

# WELCOME

August 7, 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
- Gateway Students Summer Schedule: [gatewaymerced.org/youth](http://gatewaymerced.org/youth)

### GET CONNECTED:

[gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2](http://gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2)

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### MEET AND GREET // NEXT SUN, 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 C6. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

### YOUTH GROUPS RETURN NEXT WEEK

High School Catalyst is back Sun, Aug. 14 - 7 - 8:45PM and Middle School (6-8th grade) Crossroads is back Tues, Aug. 16 - 7 - 8:30PM in the Gym. We hope our returning students are excited and new students can join us for all the fun, connection and growth we experience together!

### 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](http://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](mailto:kborges@gatewaymerced.org) or turn in a filled out communication card with this interest for more information. This 3-Week Class will begin 8.17.

### 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).

### 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

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Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 8-7-22

**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 in a job where someone was not fit for their position? What did it do to the productivity of that place?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Luke 10:25-37 Investigating Jesus

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

Read Romans 12:4-21

1. The spiritual gifts mentioned here are incredible gifts for believers. But why are these spiritual gifts given to believers? In other words, what is the specific purpose we have been given these gifts?
2. Have you ever identified any of these gifts for yourself? Explain.
3. Why is it important for these gifts to operate in love? How do they relate to the directions Paul gives in vrs. 9-21?
4. Vs. 9 states "Love must be sincere." How does sincerity relate to these actions of serving in love?
5. Which one of the serving responses Paul gives in these verses are easiest for you? Which are hardest?
6. How are you utilizing your spiritual gift in areas of service today? Do you have sincerity, fervor, zeal and enthusiasm in this serving area?
7. Gateway church has many areas for you to serve. If you have not found a place to serve yet, make sure you discover your spiritual fervor, zeal, sincerity and enthusiasm which will cause your serving to be in line with this study!

**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.

August 7, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Change in Contact Info

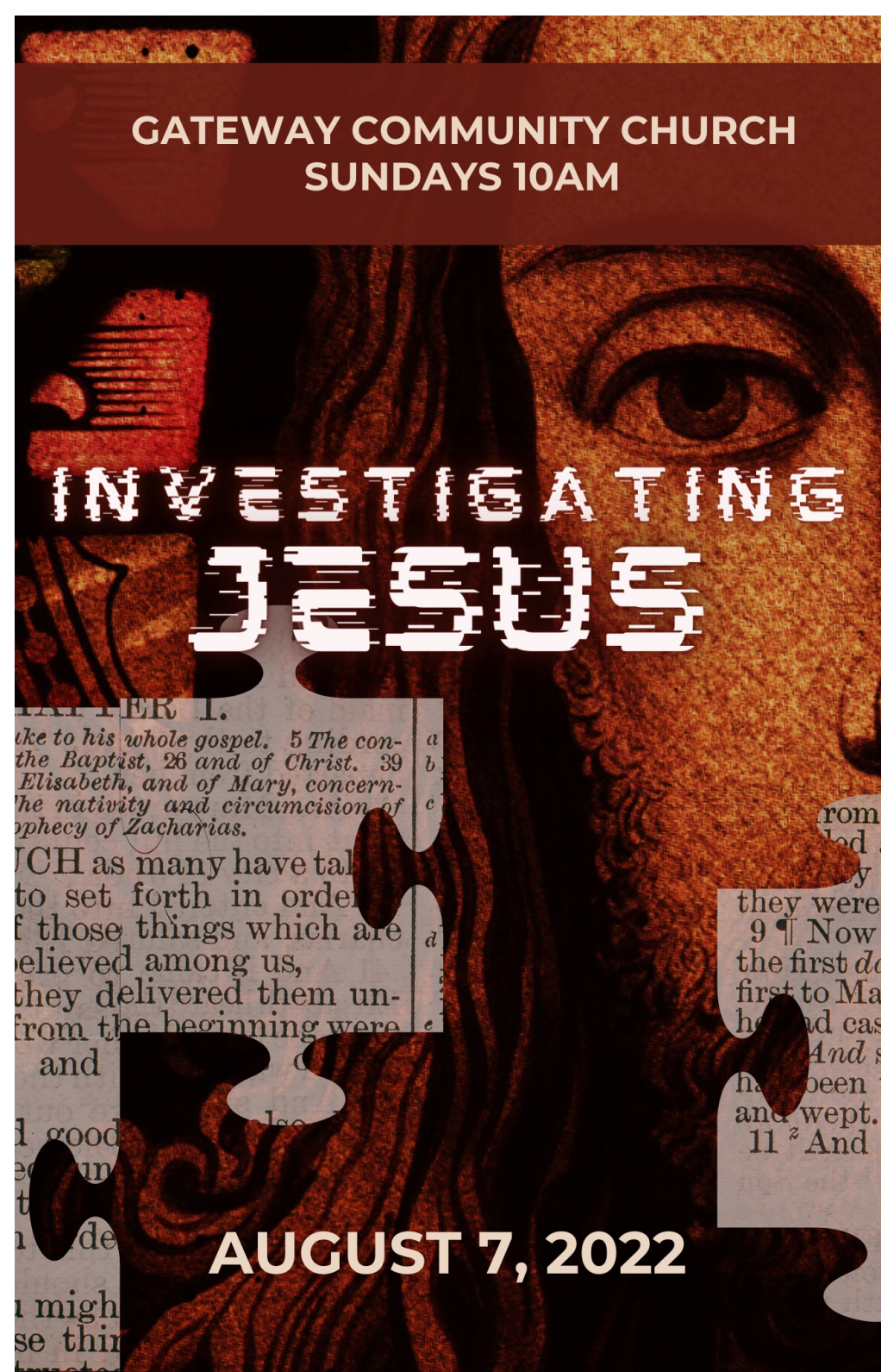
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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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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SUNDAYS 10AM

INVESTIGATING  
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