

# WELCOME

September 12, 2021

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 (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://www.gatewaymerced.org)
- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom  
[www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- 1st - 5th Grade // 9AM & 11AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM & 11AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

### TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

### THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

### JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS

### SMALL GROUPS // JOIN NOW

Join a small group for our new Fall Campaign: Everybody Always by Bob Goff, starting September 19! We'll be learning what it truly means to love everybody the way Jesus loved them--without fear, insecurity, or restriction. Find your group online at [gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups](http://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups)

### FAITH & SCIENCE SEMINAR - TONIGHT AT 6PM

Faith & Science Seminar with Dr. Johnny & Christiane Touma.

### STUDENT MINISTRIES // CATALYST HS // TONIGHT

Catalyst HS (9th-12th grade) is back TONIGHT from 7-8:45PM, in the Gateway Gym. PARENTS: Email Isaac to sign up for parent emails [iparra@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:iparra@gatewaymerced.org) or sign up at [gatewaymerced.org/youth](http://gatewaymerced.org/youth).

### HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES POTLUCK AND YARD GAMES // SEPT 18

If you are interested in participating on Sat, Sept 18th from 1-4PM at Kevin and Jenny Gonzalves Home please fill out the communication card or contact Jennifer Parra (510) 304-6329 or [JDGhimenti@aol.com](mailto:JDGhimenti@aol.com) to sign up. Bring your own blanket or chair. A potluck sign up sheet will be emailed out to those who sign up.

### FIT TEAM SUNDAY MORNING!

If you love people and love to serve, the FIT Team needs you! FIT (First Impressions Team) consists of Ushers, Refreshments, Greeters, Welcome and Safety Teams. Please sign up today to use your gifts to make Gateway even more welcoming every Sunday!

### GATEWAY YOUTUBE

Help us reach 1000 subscribers by subscribing to our YouTube page Gateway Community Church Merced.

### GATEWAY'S DAILY PRAYERS

To receive the Daily Prayers via email call the Church office at 723-4283 or email [info@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:info@gatewaymerced.org).

### 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

How have you seen God move in your life this week/recently?

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 9-12-2021

**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 kind of things or people cause your blood pressure to rise in a good way?  
In a bad way?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Read out loud Philippians 4 - Freedom From Anxiety

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. Look at vs 4-7. There are two concepts: "prayer" and "supplication/petition/pleading." What are the things that lead to anxiety with many people? How important is peace in relation to anxiety? What do these verses say about how to have peace when needed?
2. Look at vs 8-9. What is the teaching here as a way to escape stress and usher in peace? Have you ever done this? Has it been easy or difficult?
3. Read Luke 6:11-12. Why would Jesus need to pray all night? We all know we need to pray but what is it that the scriptures are saying to you, to do, about prayer?
4. Read Isaiah 40:28-31. What hope do you find in this passage? What are the verses, phrases, or words that you see which bring about the presence and peace of God? When do you need these promises most?
5. Look again at these questions. Are you getting any new ideas about what leads to peace? How can you apply this to your life this week?

**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**

September 12, 2021

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 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? \_\_\_\_\_

