

WELCOME

September 4, 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 // 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 // 8PM // Gym

GET CONNECTED:

gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS |

LABOR DAY // OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW

The Church office will be closed (9/5) in observance of Labor Day.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING SOON // SEPTEMBER 18

Interested in becoming a member? Want to learn more about who we are and what we stand for? Starting Sunday, September 18 in Rm. A4&5 after service for an hour, we'll be providing Discover Membership classes. We'd love to get to know you better and for us to discover together if Gateway is the home God has in store for you and your family! Register at our website, filling out the communication card or by calling the office at 209-723-4283.

SMALL GROUPS SIGN UPS WILL BEGIN TODAY!

Looking for a way to be in Bible study and in relationship with others? Our Small Groups vision is that we Bond Together relationally and Grow Together Spiritually - Bond Together/Grow Together. Check out the sign up table or go online to the Gateway "Get Connected" page to sign up for a small group! The variety of groups will range from Marriage, Men, Women, Finances, Sermon Based Groups, Bible Book focused groups and more! Find your group today at gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups

FIT (FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM) LUNCHEON TRAINING // SEPT. 11

We will be having a Luncheon/Training after Sunday's service on Sept. 11 at 11:30AM. We will be meeting in A/4-5 to review each of the areas of our ministry and how we are best working to make Sunday's service be incredible from the Greeters to the Ushers and Refreshments and Guest Center....not to mention our Safety Team! If you have been trying to find your ministry, email Pastor Kevin at kborges@gatewaymerced.org and share how you would like more information on being a part of the FIT Team!

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 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.

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- 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 9-4-22

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:**

If you have worked for a company, or a small business, or been on a committee, have you ever seen anyone whose personal agenda had nothing to do with the needs of the business, but who insisted on forcing decisions to adhere to their agenda? What were the results?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Luke 12:23-59 End Times - Be Ready

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

1. Read aloud Luke 12:23. Notice the emphasis on the importance of our life and body, and the de-emphasis on food and clothing. What can you see? How should we live, in light of the eventual end of the world?
2. Read aloud Luke 12:25-26 and 1 Peter 4:2. Worry here in Luke means to be anxious or promote your own interests. Again discuss this issue in reference to the fact that Jesus is coming back and how your self-interests fit into what is coming? Use both passages.
3. Read aloud Luke 12:32. The fear in this verse is intense, the kind that makes you want to flee. Think about and discuss how despite God's promise of a kingdom, there are times you are afraid and want to return to what feels familiar and comfortable. A crisis of faith.
4. Read aloud Luke 12:34. The word treasure speaks about what a person has collected and saved up, not just something they prize. Discuss how this treasure comes to be in Heaven. Do you have treasure in Heaven?
5. Read aloud Luke 12:37. Notice a phrase at the end of the verse saying that the Master, who represents God, will wait on them, meaning to minister like a deacon. Can you envision this in eternity?
6. Read aloud both Luke 12:51 and Luke 2:4. Both use the same Greek word for peace; in one verse He brings peace, in another He does not. Study context and think about this and talk about what the difference is.

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.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

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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