

WELCOME

September 5, 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

- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom
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 ****On break will resume 9/12****

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

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

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

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GATEWAY NEWS |

LABOR DAY // OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW

The Church office will be closed (9/6) in observance of Labor Day.

FAITH & SCIENCE SEMINAR - TONIGHT AT 6PM

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

CARE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Kenny would love to talk with you after the service at the Care Ministry Table. If you are unable to stop by you can contact Pastor Kenny at 723-4283 or email Pastor Kenny at kdunham@gatewaymerced.org.

HOUSEBOAT RETREAT // COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS!

INSPIRE, our ministry for college and young adults, is taking registrations online now for "The Journey" Houseboat Retreat at Lake McClure, Sept 10-12. We will worship, share Jesus, wakeboard, swim, and so much more! Space is limited so sign up now online at gatewaymerced.org/inspire.

FINDING JOY // WOMEN'S EVENT // SAT, SEPT 11!

If you've missed gathering with local women who love Jesus and want to focus on Him, then sign-up today! Please join us as we take time to reconnect, hear some true stories of God's grace, and worship. TOGETHER! Admission is free; but attendees must register and provide their own chair. Tickets are available at findingjoy.eventbrite.com.

OVERCOMING EMOTIONS THAT DESTROY // STARTING SEPT 7TH

Join us Tuesday nights. You will learn the difference between good and bad anger, how to gain control of it, and how to use it in constructive ways. This no-nonsense, practical series, will give you practical biblical tools to express your anger appropriately and deal with those who express their anger toward you. Call the Church office at 723-4283 or fill out the communication card.

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 to sign up. Bring your own blanket or chair. A potluck sign up sheet will be emailed out to those who sign up.

The celebration of life for Karen McComb will be held, Lord willing, at the Evangelical Free Church of Chico (1193 Filbert Avenue) at 11AM on 9/11.

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

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 9-5-2021

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:**

Do you have any favorite science fiction stories? What about those stories grab your interest?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Philippians 3 - "The Gospel, The Cross and The Resurrection"

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Read vs 1-9 - What does it mean to put your confidence in the flesh? Are you aware that you do this? In what way?
2. Verse 8 speaks of knowing Christ Jesus. Do you? How do you know that you do?
3. What is the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ? What has been your experience in this?
4. Read vs 10, 18 - Have you known the power of the resurrection or the fellowship of His suffering? What is this power? This fellowship?
5. Read vs 11-14, 20, 21 - Have you struggled with forgetting what lies behind and looking eagerly toward what lies ahead? Why do you struggle this way? Can you speak of times of victory you have had in this struggle?
6. Verse 21 speaks of the transformation into a body like His. Share with your group the emotion and expectations you have looking forward to that.

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 5, 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 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? _____

