

WELCOME

October 10, 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

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

MEET AND GREET // TODAY AFTER EACH SERVICE

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' TODAY after each services in A4&5. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

MUCH NEEDED REST FOR WORSHIP TEAM!

If you worshipped with us last week, you know we have given our worship and media team two weeks off for a much needed rest. Next week live worship will be back with a rested team. We need more volunteers for the worship and media team. If you are interested and want to know more, please fill out a communication card and you will be contacted.

BAPTISMS // OCTOBER 31

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us on Sunday, October 24 after each service in A4&5. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at 723-4283.

FALL FEST // SUN. OCT. 31 // 6PM

Bring the kids and join us for an evening of fun. Free carnival games, trunk or treating, and more! Get some candy, win some prizes and connect with neighbors. Bring the whole family! If you would like to volunteer for the night or to volunteer to do a trunk for trunk or treat sign up at our website gatewaymerced.org/fall-fest or fill out the Fall Fest insert and turn into the offering basket.

"GENERATIONS" CAMPAIGN

Please remember to be in prayer for our "Generations" Campaign, asking God to also show you how He wants you to be part of it. Thank you!

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.

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 10-10-2021

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:**

Have you ever found yourself thrust into a situation where you were forced to act as if you knew what you were doing?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Judges 6-7 "Don't Play It Safe"

DIGGING DEEPER: Read Matthew 25:14-30

1. Pastor Mark spoke of Gideon Sunday. What qualifications did Gideon possess to be the leader of God's army? What did he think of himself?
2. What gifts do you have to be used for God's kingdom and loving people?
3. Many times "God doesn't call the qualified...He qualifies the called." How has this been true in your life?
4. Which one of the 3 servants "played it safe" in the Matthew passage? What was the result?
5. Have you been aware of a time where you lost out, or are losing out, because you have played it safe? Discuss.
6. What are the gifts God has gifted you with that would allow you to obey Him more and love people better?
7. When this week will, could, might, or should you be engaging those gifts/ talents to serve God?

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

October 10, 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? _____

**GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM**



Becoming Love in a World
Full of Setbacks & Difficult People

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