WELCOME October 16, 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

<u>SUNDAY</u>

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

<u>THURSDAY</u>

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

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GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS

BAPTISM CLASS // TODAY // JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us TODAY after the service in A4&5. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283. Baptisms will be celebrated on Sunday, October 30.

YOUTH BREAKFAST BURRITO FUNDRAISER // TODAY

After service, our youth will be selling breakfast burritos to raise money for our camps fund. A burrito, cookie and lemonade will be available for a suggested donation of \$5. Thanks so much for your support of our youth!

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. Everyone who is truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desires to live in obedience to Him, is invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS TAHOE RETREAT

There are still a few spaces left for the **Tahoe Retreat coming next weekend**, **Oct. 21-23.** Cost is \$150 and you can register for the retreat online under the banner "Ministries"-"College and Young Adults". If you are interested but need financial help, we still have some scholarship money available so speak to Pastor Kevin asap.

ACE OVERCOMERS // ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES)

There is a sign up table at the back of the gym-or you can sign up online-for a new ACE Overcomers class dealing with adverse childhood experiences. This excellent class has helped so very many heal from past situations, setting them free for a much healthier life with God.

FALL FEST | MON, OCT. 31ST | 6:30-8:30PM | GATEWAY PARKING LOT

Free carnival games, trunk or treating & best trunk competition, plus hot dogs and drinks for sale! Get some candy, win some prizes and connect with family and friends! ..but first, join in the behind-the-scenes fun by donating candy, volunteering for a game, helping with set-up and tear down, or by decorating the trunk of your car! Sign up for some fun by filling out the communication card or by visiting our website: gatewaymerced.org/fall-fest.

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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Comments, Prayer Requests:

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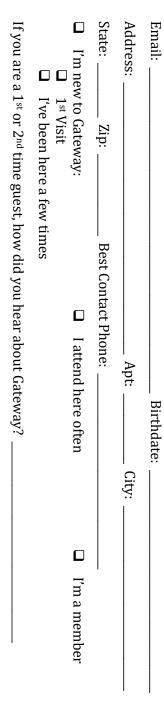
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Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 10-16-22

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.

OUICK REVIEW

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse vou?

***OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:**

What events in your lifetime happened and have been seared into your memory because it was a sudden and surprising event?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 17:11-37

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

- 1. Read Luke 17:20-37 together and pay attention to "the days of the Son of Man." Name at least 5 things Jesus says about these days.
- 2. How do you feel about these days being sudden and surprising?
- 3. Look at Isaiah 13:6-9. "The day of the Lord" from Isaiah and the "days of the Son of Man" are the same days. Personalize the details of Isaiah's description. Who are the people being spoken about here?
- 4. In light of the details Jesus gives us here in Luke, and what Isaiah spoke of, what should be the response of an unbeliever? A believer?
- 5. What will the moment be like when Christ comes down from heaven to receive believers to Himself according to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18?
- 6. What type of hope is given in 1 John 3:2 for the born again believers?

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?

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH SUNDAYS 10AM

