

WELCOME

October 23, 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 // 5-7pm (special time) at Rollerland Merced

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

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

GET CONNECTED:

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GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS |

COMMUNION // TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. 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.

BAPTISMS NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

JESSUP CHOIR & ORCHESTRA // NOV 6TH // 10AM // CONCERT AT 5PM

If you are able to house a college student on Saturday night, November 5th, Fill out the Communication Card or visit gatewaymerced.org/jessupchoir.

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.

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

Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 10-23-22

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:**

What is the biggest favor you have ever asked of anyone, or the favor that was the most difficult to ask for? How did you feel? How did it go?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 18:1-14

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

1. Read aloud James 4:8-10. What words are described here for the one who is aware of their failure and their need for God. What gets in the way of that? How would this work in an earthly relationship?
2. Read aloud Proverbs 6:1-5. How would you describe what the person has done in a general way? How are they instructed to get out of it? Relate this to something in your life, either when someone came to you, or you went to them.
3. Read aloud Psalm 51:6-10. How does the writer see himself and his needs? What are they expecting God to do? Can you explain how you have never experienced what David is expressing? With what result?
4. Read aloud Zephaniah 2:1-3. While this is an extreme prophecy related to the end, how can you relate these ideas to yourself? How can you escape the horrible things that are coming on a smaller scale to you? What attitudes does it instruct you to adopt?
5. Read aloud Luke 18:1. Jesus said to pray "at all times" or "always." How can this be accomplished? How have you worked this out in your life?
6. In the same verse, He tells us not to lose heart. It is talking about being physically worn out or losing courage. Can you talk about the connection between failure to pray and being exhausted and afraid?

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: _____

City: _____

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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GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUNDAYS 10AM

INVESTIGATING
JESUS

CHAPTER 1.

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