

WELCOME

October 31, 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
- **Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.**
- 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 |

WELCOME BRENNAN STRAWN!

We are excited to welcome one of our Worship Pastor Candidates, Brennan Strawn, who will be leading us in worship today. Brennan has been interviewed several times and has demonstrated a genuine heart for leading people into worship. Join us in welcoming Brennan today as we worship together.

BAPTISM TODAY!

Individuals and families have come forward with the desire to publicly profess or re-affirm their faith through baptism, and for some, present their young children for Covenant baptism. Jesus said let the little children come to him do not hinder them; and that all of heaven rejoices when one person repents. Please join us AND heaven in celebrating with all those being baptized today.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Reminder do not forget to set your clocks back Saturday evening.

FALL FEST // TONIGHT // 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!

**Christian Life Center will be collecting canned food items for Merced Rescue Mission*

WILLIAM JESSUP CHOIR & ORCHESTRA // NOVEMBER 7TH

On Nov. 7th, the William Jessup Choir & Orchestra will be performing at Gateway for both services, 9AM & 11AM, and once again in the evening for a concert at 5PM. We require help in hosting college students the night before as they are traveling a distance to get here. If you are able to house a college student Saturday night on Nov. 6th please fill out our form at gatewaymerced.org/events.

GATEWAY HOMESCHOOLING GROUP

Please join us on Saturday, November 13 at 10AM at the WOW Science Museum in Lodi. \$6/Child \$8/Adult. Please RSVP on your communication card or email Jenn Parra at JDGhimenti@aol.com.

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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- 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 10-31-2021

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:**

Ask "Hey Google - What is the Protestant Reformation?" Discuss this as a group.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Hebrews 11, Hebrew 12:1-3, Ephesian 2:8-10

"Uncluttered - How the Reformation Gave The Bible Back"

DIGGING DEEPER: Read together Romans 3:21-26

1. Which one of the words in these 6 verses resonates with you the most? Why? Which words are unclear or difficult to understand? Discuss.
2. Have you ever memorized Romans 3:23? Why is the word "sinned" important in our understanding of the Gospel?
3. In vs. 23, the words "fall short" mean to be "*left behind in a race.*" What would that mean to people today?
4. Read over verse 24 and discuss the words justified, freely, grace, and redemption and why they are critical for your life.
5. What have God's people suffered (including you), historically and personally, to make sure the Word of God and the grace of God has been delivered to others? Can you honestly say if you would be prepared to do the same?
6. Romans 3:26 states "...and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus." The word justifies means "*to make you the way you ought to be.*" How have you experienced this promise for your life?

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 31, 2021

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____ City: _____

I'm new to Gateway: I attend here often

1st Visit

I've been here a few times

I'm a member

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

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM

Uncluttered

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