

WELCOME

October 3, 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 // OCTOBER 10

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' on Sun. Oct 10 after both 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!

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.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY // SAT. OCT. 9 // 8AM-11:30AM

Help us bring some of God's love to our city! The City of Merced's next cleanup & outreach day is planned for this Sat., Oct. 9, starting at 8AM and lasting through an optional lunch at 11:30AM. The gathering site is Loughborough/Fahrens Park. We plan to join folks from other churches and other citizens of the community to help our city's mayor & city manager and their teams bless our city by cleaning up. Bring gloves, buckets, garbage bags, trucks...and hearts of servant-love for our city! (By the way, if you know how many from your group will be coming, feel free to let Al know at the office for planning purposes!)

"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 10-3-2021

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:**

What was your first job? What kind of memories do you have of it? Explain.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Matthew 16:13-20 "Who do you say I am?"

DIGGING DEEPER: Matthew 16:13-20

1. Why does it matter how God looks at you?
2. When Jesus calls Peter the rock on which He will "build His church", do you think He is awarding Peter for his answer or naming something about Peter that is already true? Explain.
3. Why do you think Jesus instructs His disciples to not tell anyone He is the Messiah?
4. Who have been the people in your life who spoke over you "who you are"? People that said they are proud of you or who encouraged you and spoke highly of you? How did that move you in your life and decisions?
5. What are the results of reading about how God sees us, through Scripture (Psalm 139, John 3:16, etc), and realizing it in how others speak over us?
6. What can you do to speak the promises of God into someone this week?

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 3, 2021

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

I'm new to Gateway: I attend here often I'm a member

1st Visit 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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