

WELCOME

November 20, 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
- Nachordinary Thanksgiving for Youth (6-12th) // 6:30PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // *ON THANKSGIVING BREAK

THURSDAY

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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open 9AM-1PM on Mon-Wed (Nov 21-23) and closed Thurs, Nov 24 and Fri, Nov 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS // TODAY // 2-4PM // ROOM A4&5

Bittersweet memories. Loss of traditions. An empty seat at the table. The holiday season can trigger sadness and despair for people grieving a loss. Join us for a 2-hour event called Surviving the Holidays where we talk about how to deal with grief around the holiday season. For reservations or more info, contact Rob Mansfield at (209) 383-9383 or by emailing Rob at jacobswell.merced@gmail.com.

NACHORDINARY THANKSGIVING FOR YOUTH

Join us tonight at 6:30-8:30PM for our annual event where middle & high school students come together and enjoy a nacho dinner along with a special time of musical worship and Thanksgiving. We hope lots of students can join us for this special night! No Crossroads this Tues., Nov. 22nd.

YOUNGLIVES // PIES FOR SALE TODAY AFTER SERVICE

Still need a dessert for your thanksgiving dinner? Looking for something close to homemade? YoungLives will be selling pies for winter camp. Help support send teen moms & their babies to a winter weekend with Young Life.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD // DUE TODAY

OCC shoebox gifts are taken to the ends of the earth to bring great joy to children in need and to share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ. Boxes are due today.

LIFELINE CDC // CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY

LifeLine CDC is in need of new toy donations. If you would like to donate you can bring the items to the Church Office by Nov. 30th.

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

Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 11-20-22

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 are some of the most challenging questions you and your friends have had about the end times?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 21:1-38

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)

1. Read vrs. 5-38. Do "end times" conversations matter? While there are many interpretations of this, what have your thoughts on the end times been and how did you come to those conclusions?
2. Vrs 7-8 says many will pretend to be Jesus in those days. Can you think of how this has happened in our day or in past history?
3. What decline do people have to take to follow false teachers claiming to be Jesus? Another way to think of it, "How do people get to a place of following someone claiming to be Jesus, a prophet or even a false teacher?"
4. Vrs. 12-19 speaks of the persecution of believers. While today may not be the exact setting spoken of here, can you think of where it is happening in the most extreme cases? What is Jesus' directive for you in the midst of persecution? (vs. 19) How can you prepare yourself for this?
5. Vrs. 29-36 is a parable Jesus directs to His disciples. If you are a disciple of Jesus, how should you respond? What are the words Jesus uses in 34-36 to His followers and how can you carefully follow His instructions in order to be certain of your future in the end times?
6. While not every question can be answered from this study, what questions do you have that can be studied and researched more? How can you do that research yourself?

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

Change in Contact Info

November 20, 2022

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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

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? _____

