

W E L C O M E

January 14, 2024

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE - 10AM

Join us in person at: 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 9AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 6 wks - Kinder | Preschool Wing
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4



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- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
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E V E N T S

PASTORAL CANDIDATE VISIT & FEEDBACK

Thank you for your time and prayer- and for listening to the Holy Spirit - as we seek guidance on our next Senior Pastor. We would now like to ask for your feedback regarding Dylan Harper. We invite you to respond prayerfully, continuing to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance, as you speak honestly. Tell us what you think! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to members of the Search Team (Emails available at gatewaymerced.org/seniorepastorsearch). Please share your feedback using the following online form no later than 3PM on Tue., Jan. 16th. gatewaymerced.org/candidatefeedback



SMALL GROUPS | SIGN UP TODAY

Sign-ups for small groups are available online at our website gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups. If you need assistance in finding a group that suits your current season of life, please feel free to contact Kevin at kborges@gatewaymerced.org. More groups are still being formed, so keep an eye on the website for updates!



CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES

For more than 40 years, Crossroads Prison Ministries has delivered hope to prisons through encouraging letters and Bible studies. As a volunteer mentor, you will review Bible study lessons from people in prison and write them encouraging letters. Your words may be the only message of hope and love they receive. For more information, please see the hosted table before and after service today. Spanish speakers are needed. Se necesitan intérpretes en Español

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.

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ANNUAL UNITED FOR LIFE PRO-LIFE RALLY

Join us at the steps of the Old Courthouse Museum (N & 21st) on Thurs, Jan 18 from Noon-1PM. This Rally is an invigorating hour of prayer, informative speeches, and singing.

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Infant/Kindergarten
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Elementary/Preteen
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/ Young Adults
- Discover Serving
- Small Groups

Area of Interest:

Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

Series: Faith, Hope, Love... - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 1-14-24

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:

How many times, since 2020, have you "hoped you didn't have Covid"? How many of those times were you accurate?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: 1 Corinthians 13 - Hope

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

Read Romans 8:18-30

1. Define hope as you know it.
2. What do these verses say is happening in all of creation(vs. 20, 22)? What hope is there for the creation's future(vs. 21)?
3. Why would Paul compare creation's "groaning" to the Christians "groaning" in this passage?
4. Vs. 24-25 goes on to speak about hope specifically. How would you define hope according to these verses?
5. How should hope stand as a staple, rudder or compass for your life and future glory in Christ? Explain it together.
6. What does Paul say we can "know", related to our future(vrs. 28-30) and is this a good definition of hope?
7. Is "hoping for tomorrow to be sunny", or "that I won't get sick this week", or "that I hit the lottery", a good definition of hope and a confident expectation in your life? How does that type of hope differ from what you've learned in this passage?

APPLY IT TODAY:

What was most important for you to remember today and why?

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
JANUARY 14, 2024

1 CORINTHIANS 13

faith
hope
love

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

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