

WELCOME

January 15, 2023

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 // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

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

GET CONNECTED

SMALL GROUPS SIGN UPS:

Sign up for a small group online today! Go to gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups or scan the QR Code to find a group today! Groups for men, women, couples, finances, young adults, etc.



GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS |

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office is closed Tomorrow, January 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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.

INSPIRE COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT // THURSDAYS // 8PM // GYM

INSPIRE, our college and young adults ministry, kicks off again this Thursday night in the gym at 8PM! Join us for T.L.C. - Truth, Love and Community!

BAPTISMS // SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family join us next Sun, Jan 22 in Room A4&5. If you are unable to attend the class fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

CAMP GATE-A-WAY // FEB. 10-12

All 6-12 grade students are invited to join us for our special 3-day camp experience happening at Gateway next month. We will have lots of fun, food, games, as well as 4 main sessions where we'll learn and discuss our theme: The Afterlife with our guest speaker, Pastor Pelton along with time in our small groups. More details and registration is available online by visiting: gatewaymerced.org/youth. Any additional questions, you can email Pastor Isaac: iparra@gatewaymerced.org

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER // FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Baby Bottle Blast Begins TODAY - Bottles are ready to take home today, you can fill it with a check, cash or coins. Remember you can always Text the word GIGGLES to 45777 or go to alphaphc.com click on donate and select Baby Bottles to give easily and securely online. Thank you for your support!

Diaper Dash 2023 - Dash over to Alpha PHC on Fri, Jan. 20 from 3-6PM. Join Alpha in blessing the community by bringing donations of diapers, cash/ check or baby wipes. If you can't make it, text GIGGLES to 45777.

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 (Feb. 12)
- Kid's Ministries
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Small Groups
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/ Young Adults
- Discover Serving (Coming this Spring)

Area of Interest: _____

Comments, Prayer Requests:

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

What's Next? - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 1-15-23

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:**

Before you were saved, or even now, what were you good at? What activities or skills gave you the most pleasure?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Exodus 31:1-11 "Talents"

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. Read aloud Exodus 31:1-5. Since becoming a Christian, have you been aware that God has gifted you in any new ways, spiritually speaking?
2. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:28. In that verse, "appointed" means to set in place or ordain. How does God work through a church to set people in place that He has gifted? How have you experienced this in church?
3. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Paul speaks about spiritual gifts. How can a Christian learn to walk in the gifts that God has given them? Can you relate your experience in learning how to use your gifts?
4. Express any joy, frustration, questions or thoughts on spiritual gifts now.
5. During this series of sermons, there is a focus on now and "What's Next?". Think about the present, the needs, the opportunities, as well as the fears and insecurities. Are you feeling prompted by the Spirit to act on your talents? What things hinder you in responding with your gifts?

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

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

January 15, 2023

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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WHAT'S NEXT?