

WELCOME

January 16, 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 (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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office is closed Tomorrow, January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

BAPTISMS // JANUARY 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us TODAY after each service in A4&5. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

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.

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES // MERCED ZOO // SAT., JAN. 29, 11AM-1PM

Would love for you to join us at the Merced Zoo and have a fun time looking at the animals. Bring a bagged lunch with you and we can enjoy lunch together after. Under 5 is free. Ages 5-15 is \$2, ages 16-61 is \$3, ages 62+ is \$1.50. Please contact Sarah Biglardeni if interested in coming or mark it on your communication card. Thank you! ssbiglardeni@gmail.com

BOND TOGETHER/GROW TOGETHER!

Small Groups have begun and sign ups are available online at our website gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups. Groups for couples, Young Professionals, College and Young Adults (INSPIRE), men's groups and women's groups, care groups such as Grief Share and ACE Overcomers, and more! If you have any questions please email Pastor Kevin at kborges@gatewaymerced.org

SMALL GROUP HOSTS NEEDED

Small Groups are a very important part of the ministry at Gateway. We have over 25 different groups meeting but we need more! Would you like to learn how to Host a group and help us disciple more at Gateway in 2022? Please leave your information on the communication card, email Pastor Kevin at kborges@gatewaymerced.org, or sign up through the Get Connected Tab/Ways to Serve at gatewaymerced.org/serve. Thank you!

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER // FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Diaper Dash 2022 - Dash over to Alpha PHC on Fri, Jan. 21 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.

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 1-16-2022

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:**

Have you or someone close to you worked to become an excellent athlete? What do you remember about the pain and hardship of it and what kept you or them going?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Revelation 2:8-11 "Hope through the Struggle"

DIGGING DEEPER: Read aloud Revelation 2:8-11

1. Do you know of a church that has experienced persecution in recent history? Have you ever considered how you would handle that?
2. Read aloud Hebrews 12:1-3. Talk about Jesus and His hope through the struggle. What words from this text stand out to you and challenge you in how to follow Jesus in perseverance?
3. Read aloud Acts 5:40-42. How were these men able to rejoice in suffering? What suffering have you experienced (not necessarily physical)? Have you ever considered it a joy to have experienced that?
4. Read aloud 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. These verses speak of the comfort of God, specifically the Holy Spirit coming alongside us in trials. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's comfort in sufferings?
5. Read aloud Philippians 3:7-10. Suffering conforms us to His death and allows us to know His power. What has the power of God provided for you through your suffering?

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

January 16, 2022

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? _____

