

W E L C O M E

January 21, 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
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
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E V E N T S

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE | TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE

The Gateway Council (deacons, elders, administrative pastors) is happy to unanimously present Dylan Harper to the congregation to vote on as our next senior pastor. We plan to meet as a congregation right after this morning's service. (Voting is for official members only, but all are welcome to stay for the meeting.)

COMMUNION | TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. 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.

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

STARTING NEXT SUN, JAN 28TH, we will be providing two services on Sundays: 8:30AM & 10:15AM. Choose a service, invite a friend, and join us for worship, Christian fellowship, and a message meant to pull you closer to Jesus!

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!



HVAC EXPERTISE NEEDED

The Generations building team has requested in currently needing the help from those with expertise in HVAC. If this is you, please email us at info@gatewaymerced.org or scan the QR code to fill out the form. We would greatly appreciate the help in this area.



ALPHA PHC BABY BOTTLE BLAST | BEGINS TODAY

Support the moms who choose Life through the ministry of Alpha PHC. Your loose change, cash, check or online gift defends the unborn of Merced County. Bottles will be available after the service today. Please return bottles filled and or empty by Sun. Feb. 11.

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

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
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- 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 1-21-24

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:

Who was the hardest person for you to love growing up? What happened to make this person hard to love and did you ever resolve this?

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

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

Read Ephesians 3:14-21 together

1. What, specifically, does Paul ask God to do for these believers in his prayer for them? (there are multiple things in vrs. 16-20). Which ones resonate with you most?
2. How has your prayer life included love directly for other believers, as Paul models? What are the points you see in these verses that may be helpful for you to apply to your prayer life?
3. How does Paul describe God's love for us in vs. 18b and how would you describe this type of love to others in your own words?
4. Look back over the definition of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and pick out which one you are good at and which one you need to improve on? With this exercise, you can be encouraged and also challenged to grow in love.
5. 1 Corinthians 13:8 states that "love never fails". How do you feel about never failing at love and would Ephesians 3:19-21 have anything to help you in this pursuit? What is the key ingredient to fulfill this type of love (Vs. 20-21)?

APPLY IT TODAY:

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

Communication/Prayer Request Card

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Name: _____

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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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GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
JANUARY 21, 2024

1 CORINTHIANS 13

faith
hope
love