WELCOME January 22, 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.



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GATEWAY NEWS

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.

BAPTISMS // SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family join us TODAY 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.

WORSHIP NIGHT // WED, FEB 15 AT 7PM

Worship Night happening **Feb. 15 at 7PM!** This is a Gateway Event, but all are welcome, bring friends, family, and anyone else who might be interested. It will be a night to go deeper into what it means to worship and expand on our regular Sunday morning time together!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING SOON // STARTING SUN, FEB 12

Interested in becoming a member? Want to learn more about who we are and what we stand for? Starting Sun, Feb 12th in Rm. A4&5 after service for an hour, we'll be providing Discover Membership classes. We'd love to get to know you better and for us to discover together if Gateway is the home God has in store for you and your family! Sign up on the Communication Card and mark if you will be needing childcare.

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

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 GatewayArea of Interest:	□ Small Groups□ Worship Ministry□ Youth Ministries	☐ College/ Young Adults☐ Discover Serving (Coming this Spring)
Comments, Prayer Requests: ☐ Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me: ☐ Text ☐ Call ☐ Email	ay to Contact me: 🗖 Text	☐ Call ☐ Email	

If you are Address: I'm new to Gateway:
☐ 1st Visit
☐ I've been here a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? I've been here a few times Best Contact Phone: I attend here often Change City: I'm a member

What's Next? - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 1-22-23

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.

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Request

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Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

*OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:

What is one possession you have purchased that means the most to you? What would happen or how would you feel if you had to give it up?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9:6-15 - "Treasure"

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

- 1. How have you experienced generosity as a joy and exciting experience? Who were the recipients of this generosity, you or others? Feel free to share when it was you who gave.
- 2. How does the world's view of treasure impact us in our day and age? Jesus said "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". What's that mean? What happens to you when your heart treasures the wrong things?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 together. What does Paul highlight in the churches in Macedonia (vrs. 1-6)?
- 4. Is there a direction he gives the churches in Corinth (vrs. 7-15)? What is it?
- 5. Would you share if there is anything that personally excites you about these verses or anything that is hard for you to hear?
- 6. What is the ONE THING that God is teaching you today about treasure and how does this impact how you live it out the next week, month and year?
- 7. Do you have any other questions or concluding comments regarding this important and yet sometimes difficult study on "treasure"?

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?

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