

# WELCOME

January 23, 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](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://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](http://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

**NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 30 // 10AM SERVICE // BAPTISMS**

### 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.

### MEET AND GREET // FEBRUARY 6

Are you new to Gateway and/or would like to get plugged into our church? Come and meet some of our Gateway staff and members at our 'Meet N Greet' on Sun. Feb. 6 after both services in A4&5. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

### COLLEGE, YOUNG ADULTS // MY MONEY, GOD'S WAY

This is a short, 3-week class on Sundays (Feb. 6, 13, 20) at 10:30 AM. This class is for any young adult who wants to understand how to align their thinking about money with what God says, and learn practical ways to follow a plan for financial security and independence. Pastor Kevin and Spence Boelter will be guiding this hands-on learning time and providing tools to make budgeting ideas easy to understand and apply. For more information email Pastor Kevin at [kborges@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:kborges@gatewaymerced.org) or you can sign up at [gatewaymerced.org/events](http://gatewaymerced.org/events).

### BOND TOGETHER/GROW TOGETHER!

Small Groups have begun and sign ups are available online at our website [gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kborges@gatewaymerced.org), or sign up through the Get Connected Tab/Ways to Serve at [gatewaymerced.org/serve](http://gatewaymerced.org/serve). Thank you!

### ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER // BABY BOTTLE BLAST

Bottles are available to take home (at the guest booth), 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](http://alphaphc.com) click on donate and select Baby Bottles to give easily and securely online. Return bottles on Sun. Feb. 27. Thank you!

#### 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 1-23-2022

**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:**

We hear about fake news. Let's talk about who we trust for news and why? Be aware of staying away from grumbling in this discussion.

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

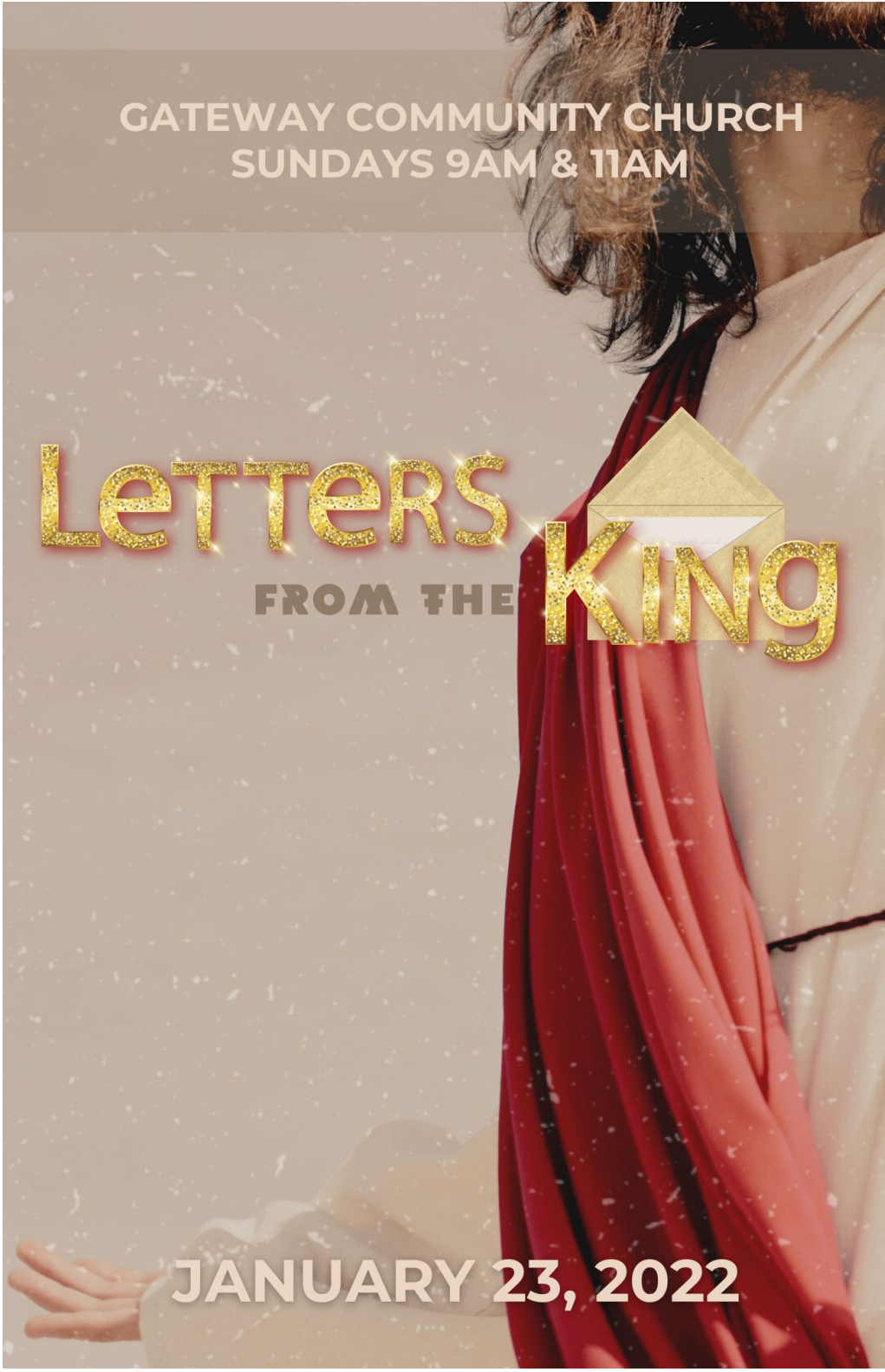
Revelation 2:12-17 "Integrity of Belief and Lifestyle"

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Read aloud Revelation 2:12-17

1. How do you know how to know the truth?
2. What are the things that Jesus commends this church for?
3. Discuss what Jesus means when He says in vs 13 "where Satan has his throne", or "where Satan lives". What would you think He is communicating here?
4. Read Acts 17:10-12. Have you ever found yourself identifying with what the Bereans did when you have heard a Bible teaching? How so?
5. Vs 14 states that there were people who followed bad teaching (doctrine). According to the text, what does Jesus think of this and how important is it that we follow sound doctrine to lead our actions?
6. Would repenting be easy or hard for you if you realized you had been listening to bad teaching and then acted incorrectly?
7. How can you review your life to see if you are giving yourself to correct teaching, leading to correct living, these days? Talk about this together.

**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 23, 2022

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 attend here often  I'm a member

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_