

WELCOME

January 30, 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 // NOT MEETING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

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

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

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GATEWAY NEWS

BAPTISM TODAY!

Individuals and families have come forward with the desire to publicly profess or re-affirm their faith through baptism, and for some, present their young children for Covenant baptism. Jesus said let the little children come to him do not hinder them; and that all of heaven rejoices when one person repents. Please join us AND heaven in celebrating with all those being baptized today.

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 or you can sign up at gatewaymerced.org/events.

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.

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 alphahpc.com click on donate and select Baby Bottles to give easily and securely online. Return bottles on Sun. Feb. 27. Thank you!

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
- 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 1-30-2022

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:**

It is often discussed that people feel love in different ways. Some appreciate time spent, some respond to gifts, some to encouraging words. Have you ever struggled to help someone feel loved?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

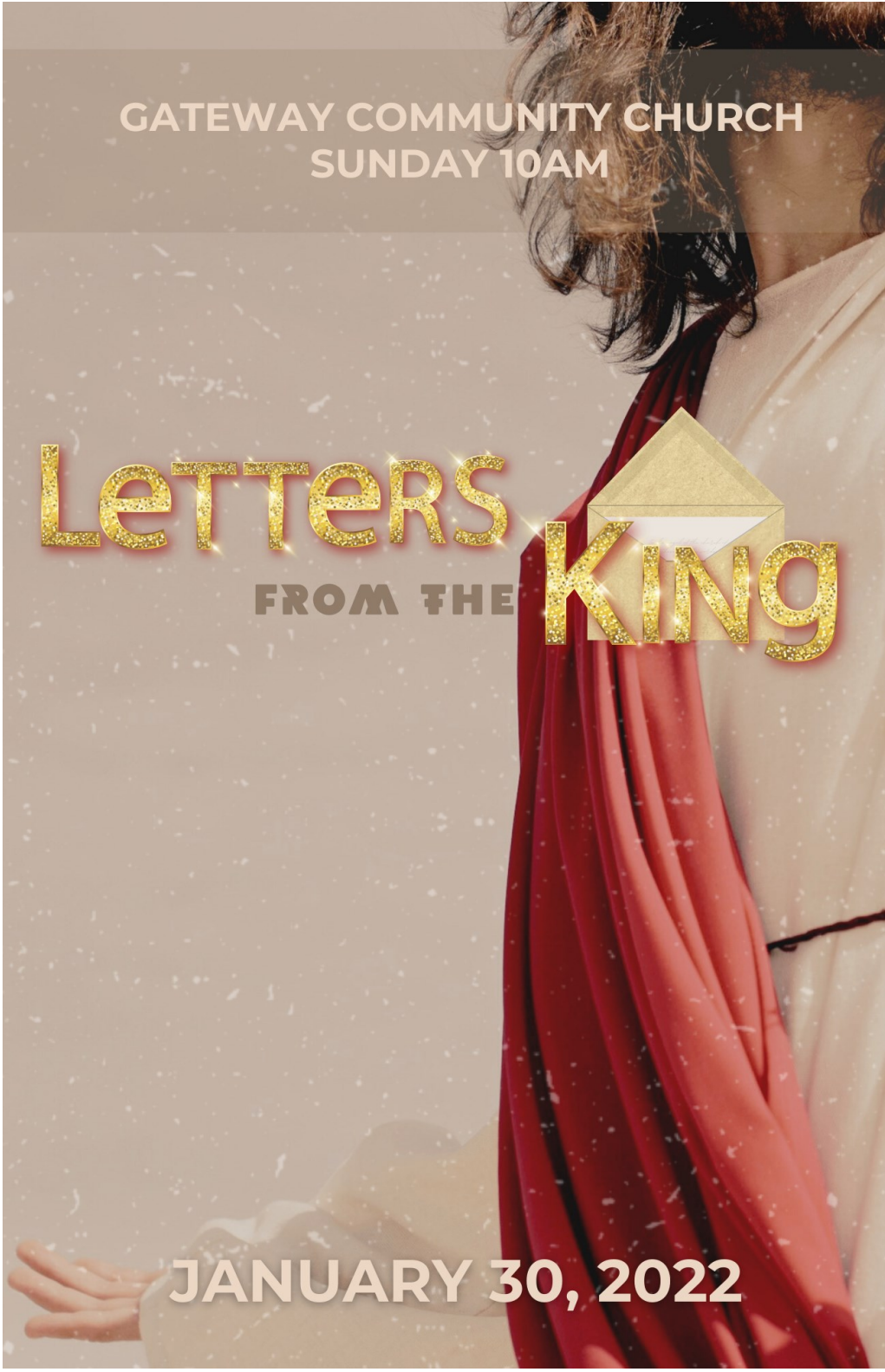
2 Corinthians 3:1-6, Colossians 3:12-14

DIGGING DEEPER: Read aloud 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

1. What are the ways people tell on themselves without saying anything?
2. Why would Paul say these believers are "letters written on our hearts, known and read by everyone"?
3. What is the significance of being the product (letter) of another's spiritual work in your life? Think through the spiritual mentors you have known. Who do you believe could call you their "letter"?
4. In vs. 5 and 6 Paul uses the word "adequate" or "competent". What does that mean to you to be adequate or competent according to Paul's words?
5. Vs. 6 - Have you ever had the feeling that you had to be perfect? In school, at home or otherwise? What does that produce emotionally? How does the Spirit give life?
6. Read aloud Colossians 3:12-14. Talk about the deliberate nature of clothing yourself with the qualities listed in vs. 12.
7. Vs. 14 says that love is the perfect bond of unity. Compare the church that has a perfect bond of unity with the one that is missing it. Do you have any experience in either you could share?

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 30, 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? _____