

WELCOME

January 9, 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

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!

BAPTISMS // JANUARY 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us on Sun., Jan. 16 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.

CARE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Kenny would love to talk with you after the service at the Care Ministry Table. If you're unable to stop by you can contact Pastor Kenny at (209) 723-4283 or email Pastor Kenny at kdunham@gatewaymerced.org.

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER // FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Baby Bottle Blast Begins Next Week - Bottles will be ready to take home next Sunday (1/16), 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 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.

"GENERATIONS" CAMPAIGN

Please remember to be in prayer for our "Generations" Campaign, asking God to also show you how He wants you to be part of it. 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 1-9-2022

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:**

Do you remember the first time you felt love in a romantic way? What was it about that person that caught you?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Revelation 2:1-7 - "Learning how to love"

DIGGING DEEPER: Read aloud Revelation 2:1-7

1. Vs 2 talks about the church having perseverance. What type of things does your church need perseverance in?
2. What do you think vs. 3-4 says to people who are doing the "tasks" of church, but aren't doing it in love? Why isn't it enough to just do your best?
3. What do you think losing your "first love" means (vs. 4)?
4. In vs. 7 the Holy Spirit has the answer. How do you "hear" the Spirit? Discuss how you know when you are walking in love?
5. Again in vs. 7, how is love related to the act of being "victorious" or "overcoming"? What does this type of church look like?(1 Cor. 13)
6. Again in vs. 7, there is a metaphor of eating from the tree of life in the paradise of God. What do you think it means to eat from the tree of life?

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 9, 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 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? _____

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SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM

LETTERS
FROM THE KING

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