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February 11, 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

CONNECTED **GATEWAYMERCED.ORG**

SUNDAY SERVICE - 8:30AM & 10:15AM

Join us in person at: 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 8AM & 9:45AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 6 wks Kinder | Preschool Wing
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4



Or LIVE on our YouTube Channel

NEW TO CHURCH?

Go to our Guest Center for next steps or scan OR code to fill out our connection card



Scan for Next Steps

DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCHCENTER APP

- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
- Check out the available small groups

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NEW GROUPS FOR BEGINNERS!

Do you have questions about the Bible and how to read it? Do you struggle with taking what you read and apply it? If you feel like a beginner when it comes to reading the Bible and studying it, we have two groups starting up that might be right for you. DISCOVER THE BIBLE 4 week study is starting 2/20 at 6:30PM here at church (childcare available). This course gives you an overview of the Bible, how it was put together and how to study it. A SERMON ON THE MOUNT study will look at and discuss Matthew 5-7 where Jesus gave his biggest sermon. This study begins on 2/29 @ 6:30PM in the Library and is meant for those who are new to studying the Bible. Sign up on line or go to the table in the gym to find out more!

INSPIRE | COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS | THURSDAYS AT 8PM

Join us Thursday nights in the month of February as we study relationships, love, singleness, marriage and dating! INSPIRE meets at **8PM here in the Gym** for anyone in the 18-25(ish) age range!

FURNITURE NEED | FAMILY ROOM

We would like to offer some nicer couch/sectional for our families with small children during the morning services in the C-4 room. If you would like to donate a "good condition" couch, we would love to provide this space for young families. Please communicate on the communication card and place in the offering bag or contact Pastor Kevin. Thank you!

WORSHIP & PRAYER NIGHT | FEB 21 @7PM

Come ready to worship but also ready to lift one another up in prayer just as Paul did for the churches he wrote to. Invite friends and family and get ready to bond together as a church family!

ACE OVERCOMERS | TRAUMA-INFORMED MINISTRY SEMINARS

ACE Overcomers can help your ministry reach and impact properties lives with a powerful combination of scientific and biblical principles. Reserve your spot today to be a part of this transformative experience. Scan the QR Code to sign up. For more information call (209) 626-5446.

Contact Me About:

ALPHA PHC BABY BOTTLE BLAST | BOTTLES DUE 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. Turn in bottles at the Guest Center.

LOVE INC FUNDRAISER | FEBRUARY 21 | MIX BAKERY

Love Inc invite's you all to A Sweet Fundraiser! Hosted by Mix Bakery Just say you're From Love INC! This fundraiser helps support the Individuals & Families of Greater Merced and Love In the Name of Christ. You can call (209) 769-4901 or visit Mix Bakery at 1110 W. 16th St. Merced, CA. - Just Say You're From Love INC!

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Series: Anchored... - Gateway Groups, Merced <u>"Bond Together/Grow Together"</u> // For the week of 2-11-24

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:

How high is your confidence in the media regarding presenting the truth? How important is "Truth" to people today?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 1:18-2:4

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question)
Read Romans 1:18-20

- 1. Before you were saved, what did you know about the Bible and Jesus, if anything? How did God make the truth known to you before you were saved?
- 2. What attributes of God's character are listed here in this passage and are they difficult to see or comprehend, according to vs. 20?
- 3. Is hearing of God's wrath an easy or difficult thing for you to accept?
- 4. If God is loving, why would His wrath be against those who "suppress the truth"? What truth does all mankind need to know?
- 5. How would you say that the truth is "evident" or "made plain" to people, specifically from this passage?(Vs. 19) Other passages?(ie Jn 14:6)
- 6. Read Hebrews 11:1-3. What would be any correlation to the Romans text?
- 7. Since God's qualities are clearly seen(vs. 20), what response should you have to this understanding? Are there others you need to share this with?
- 8. How does it make you feel that no one has an excuse to not know God?

APPLY IT TODAY:

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

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