

WELCOME

February 20, 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

**Real Retreat for High Schoolers coming Feb 25-27. Current pricing at \$199 and \$50 saves your spot. We'll be heading to Tuolumne for the weekend to enjoy time together as a youth group and learn how to spend time with God as we 'Escape the Noise.' More info/register: gatewaymerced.org/youth*

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW // PRESIDENTS' DAY

DISCOVER MEMBERSHIP CLASS (ZOOM) // TODAY AT 4PM

We are excited to present this 7 session class that explores what it means to be a member of Gateway Church. We share with you Gateway's story, history, structure, and the vision God has given her to reach people for Christ. More importantly, we will help you discover how your story is shaped, and how your story can partner with Gateway's to accomplish God's mission.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. 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.

JOIN US FOR A BRAND NEW SMALL GROUP SERIES ON NEHEMIAH!

Beginning March 6, Pastor Al will be leading us through a series in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. The uniqueness of this study is its connection to our Generations Children's Ministry Campaign and will give greater insight into the vision of Generations! Look for a group online at gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups today.

MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA AFRICA // MAY 26 - JUNE 6

Pastor Kevin will be leading a mission trip to Uganda Africa May 26-June 6 for college and young adults. Deadline to register for the trip with a deposit of \$1,000 is Sunday, February 20. We will work alongside the ministry sharedloveuganda.org - ministering to the most vulnerable people economically, socially, physically, and spiritually with a higher focus on women and children especially orphaned, abandoned, and parentless. Need more information? Contact Pastor Kevin at kborges@gatewaymerced.org.

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

*Alpha Baby Bottles are due next Sun., Feb. 27th. Thank you!

*Do you know a Nurse with a heart for women and the unborn? Alpha PHC is looking for more women of faith with an RN license to be a voice of compassion while doing pregnancy tests and providing valuable life-affirming information. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who might be, please go to www.alphaphc.com/volunteer.

LOVE INC. // FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY // FEB., 23 FROM 9AM-6PM

Save your sweet tooth for a #LocalSupportingLocal #Fundraiser at Mix Bakery in Merced! Order or stop by on the 23rd for a tasty, sweet treat while also helping out local families through Love INC of Greater Merced!

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 2-20-2022

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:**

What was the most difficult class you ever took? How much "suffering" did you endure through that experience and what did you learn?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Revelation 3:7-13, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 - "Opportunity through Suffering"

DIGGING DEEPER: Read aloud Revelation 3:7-13.

1. What are the things Jesus condemns this church for? What does He commend them for?
2. How would you define their condition at this church?
3. What promises does Jesus give them that we can bank on? Vrs. 9-10. What questions do you have about these promises and is it ok if we don't have all our questions answered?
4. Does every church go through spiritual persecution and suffering? How difficult is it to go through suffering and trials when nobody notices?
5. Read aloud 1 Peter 4:12-16. What is Peter's perspective on suffering for Christ? How foreign is this for a Christian in America?
6. Why does 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 speak of weakness becoming our strength? How can a bankrupt person, meaning powerless, have the power to stand against the struggles? How does Jesus work that in you?

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

February 20, 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? _____

