

WELCOME

February 26, 2023

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 & Live on YouTube (10AM)
*Past messages are available // www.gatewaymerced.org
- **Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.**
- Join us for corporate prayer // 9AM // Conference Room & Zoom
www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- 1st - 5th Grade // 10AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

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

GET CONNECTED

SMALL GROUPS SIGN UPS:

Sign up for a small group online today! Go to gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups or scan the QR Code to find a group today! Groups for men, women, couples, finances, young adults, etc.



GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS |

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.

CIY SUMMER CAMP INFO MEETING // TODAY

For those interested in having their student(s) join us for this year's event, we highly recommend attending our meeting TODAY after service in our guest center as we share important info such as dates, pricing/registration, fundraisers/how to participate and more. We don't have a lot of spots reserved for our groups so you'll want to get your students registered when things open up at this meeting!

USHER NEEDS // FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM

We are recruiting ushers for Sunday mornings, especially as we draw near to Easter. We could use your help! We will have a special Sunday morning Usher training (donuts included!) on Sunday March 19 at 8:15AM. Please join us for clarity on ushering at Gateway.

DISCOVER SERVING // SAT, MAR 4 //9AM-NOON // C6

Discover Serving is a 3-hr workshop to discover your Spiritual gifts and how God has uniquely SHAPed you to serve in ministry. You will gather information on your Spiritual Gifts, Heart or passion, Abilities, Personality and Experiences and then explore areas where you can use your unique "SHAPE" to build up the church and share in God's mission. Come discover where God wants you to serve in your church or community!



ALPHA BABY BOTTLE BLAST // BOTTLES DUE TODAY

Bottles are due TODAY. 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.

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
- Discover Serving (3/4)

Area of Interest:

Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only)
- Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH FEBRUARY 26, 2023



Gifts - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 2-26-23

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:

Who has a story about a store clerk or cashier who was helping you, but you could tell they hated their job and hated helping you?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - Loving and Gifts - *Have you gone online to take your Spiritual Gifts survey yet? If not, scan the QR Code. 80 Questions take about 10 min. to complete.*



DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)

Read through 1 Peter 4:7-11(Use different translations to help understand these vrs.)

1. What are the attitudes, characteristics and gifts Peter is teaching us to excel in as members of the body of Christ in vs. 7-11?
2. What is the overarching purpose of these things as stated in vs. 11b?
3. How does being alert or sober minded apply to the rest of these things listed?
4. Why would Peter mention "loving each other" (vs 8) before all of these characteristics and gifts? How does love interact with your giftedness?
5. Have you ever utilized your spiritual gift without love? Why did that happen?
6. 1 Corinthians 13:8 states "love never fails." In the use of your gifts, how can you be sure to maintain love always?
7. Vrs. 9-11 speak about God's grace, words and strength being needed to empower our gifts so that in all things He is praised. Discuss what this should tell us about our attitude with Him in utilizing our gifts?

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

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've been here a few times
- I attend here often I'm a member

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

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