

# WELCOME

February 27, 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](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://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](http://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 // **NOT MEETING THIS WEEK**

### THURSDAY

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

#### JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### MEALS MINISTRY

Do you love to cook? Do you love helping people? Well we have the ministry for you! Meals ministry is looking for more volunteers. This ministry provides dinner for people who had surgery, added a child to their family, sick, etc. Please contact Jen Parra at [jdghimenti@aol.com](mailto:jdghimenti@aol.com).

### 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.

### 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](http://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups) today.

### ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

\*Alpha Baby Bottles are due TODAY. 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](http://www.alphaphc.com/volunteer).

### YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES ONE DAY CONFERENCE MARCH 12

This special conference has a theme of "Walking With God" and will highlight many of the big questions for the young adults and singles. Questions like "How do I walk with God courageously in this culture?", "Why would God accept and use me?", and "What does God say about singleness, sex and dating? \$35 per person for anyone navigating through the challenges of young adulthood! For more info and to register, go online at [gatewaymerced.org/inspire](http://gatewaymerced.org/inspire).

### MARRIAGE CAN BE TOUGH! // MARCH 19 // 9AM-2PM

But we can help you improve your connection, bring more joy and fun back into your relationship! This workshop will teach you how to increase intimacy in your marriage through God's eyes and understanding the values of bonding/connecting with each other.

Sign up at: <https://yfcentralvalley.regfox.com/MARRIAGE-WORKSHOP>

#### 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 2-27-2022

**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 types of coffee are available to you? When it comes to temperature, how many people like or even order lukewarm coffee? Why?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Read Revelation 3:14-22

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. Is this church commended for anything? What are they condemned for?
2. What do you think it means to be lukewarm, as opposed to hot or cold?
3. What's the result of the Laodiceans considering themselves rich? What does Jesus say about the rich in Luke 18:18-27? Do you consider yourself rich and if so, how do these passages relate to you?
4. What is the difference between the Laodiceans definition of rich and Jesus' definition?
5. What could be the point of Jesus' progression of what to "buy" from Him: gold, white clothes, eye salve? Some verses to add to the discussion would be from 1Peter 1:7, Revelation 19:8, and John 9:41 (and surrounding vrs.)
6. Knowing this, why would anyone buy from the world's wealth and not from Jesus?
7. What did Spence suggest we can do to move beyond being lukewarm to being "with" Jesus?

**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 27, 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_

