WELCOME March 13, 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

<u>SUNDAY</u>

• 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

<u>TUESDAY</u>

Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

<u>THURSDAY</u>

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

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS

GATEWAY EASTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved in volunteering to share the love of God with those coming to Gateway for Easter Sunday Service! Beginning *TODAY* we'll have a volunteer sign up wall for you and your family to be the hands and feet of Jesus all over our campus from facilities to Children's Ministry. You can even help with our egg-ceptional donut wall! Easter Sunday is an egg-stra special occasion and we need your egg-stra help. If you are unable to visit the wall email info@gatewaymerced.org to sign up to help.

*Yard signs & Invites to Good Friday/Easter are available by the volunteer wall.

GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN // BUILDING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

Want more information about our Generations Campaign? Visit our website at gatewaymerced.org/generations.

SPRING CLEANING // CHURCH MAILBOXES

Please check to see if there are any items in your mailbox. Any items left after March 28th will be cleared out. If you are interested in having a mailbox email info@gatewaymerced.org or mark the Communication Card.

SUPPORT KENNY & MERLIN AND OUTREACH INDIA, USA!

Get a warm plate of butter chicken, vegetable biryani(rice), salad, dal(lentils), and roti(flatbread)! You don't want to miss out on this delicious meal! Contact the Church Office at 209-723-4283 to get your meal ticket for \$10.

LOVE INC DINNER AUCTION // '30 YEARS OF LOVE' // APRIL 2

Love Inc. will be hosting an in-person outdoor event at First Baptist Church on Sat., Apr. 2 from 5-8PM. You can expect a fun evening outdoors while browsing auction items including tasty desserts, amazing opportunities and fun items for bids! Don't forget a delicious dinner and Love INC updates too. Tickets for this event can be purchased at First Baptist, online at loveincmerced.com or at the Love INC office downtown.

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.

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

Comments, Prayer Requests:

College/Young Adults

Worship Ministry Youth Ministries

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Contact Me About:

Baptism

Church Membership

Kid's Ministries

Small Groups

How have you seen God move in your life this week/recently?

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

Email:	Birthdate:	
Address:	Apt: City:	
State: 2	_ Zip: Best Contact Phone:	
 I'm new to Gateway: 1st Visit I've been her 	I attend here often e a few times	I'm a member

Nehemiah Study - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 3-13-22

FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer as you engage in the Word of God connected to the teaching of God from the past Sunday.

QUICK REVIEW

What did you hear? Take a look at the message outline together. What impacted you most? Any questions come up for you?

***OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:**

There is a time to pray and a time to act. How do you find the balance between depending on God and taking action?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Nehemiah 2

• Read the Scripture from last Sunday together.

DIGGING DEEPER:

Watch the Generations Video. Find it on Gateway's home page. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBQ_C-2_zk&t=4s

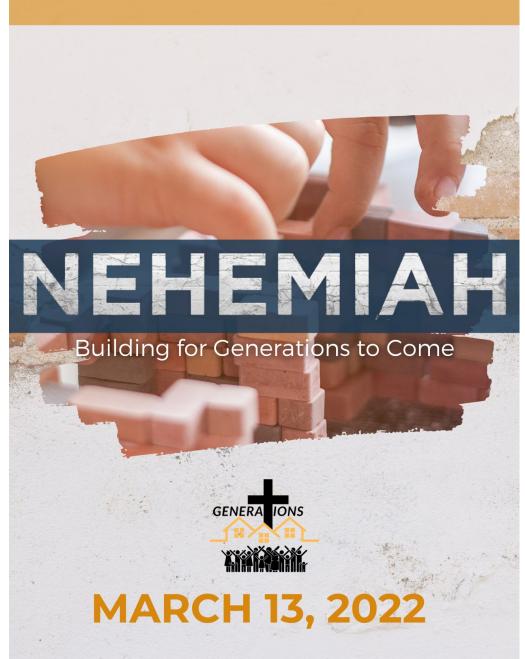
- 1. What is the difference between the prayer that Nehemiah prayed in Ch 1 vs Ch. 2? Why are both effective?
- 2. What do you think Nehemiah's moment with the king would have looked like for you? How would taking that risk feel? Do you have an example from your own life when you had to seize the moment and step into the unknown?
- 3. Nehemiah had "God confidence" because he had prepared his heart by seeking the Lord beforehand. How are his prayers and outcry to God in Chap. 1 related to his confidence moving forward with his plans in Chap. 2?
- 4. How can we encourage each other to live with the same God confidence and sense of urgency that Nehemiah did as we seek His will for our individual lives and collectively through the Generations project?

ACTION STEPS:

Nehemiah was a man of vision! A prayerful planner, full of faith and boldness! This week, consider how his life can inspire you in prayer and courage to take action. Take some time this week to write out and journal your prayer for Gateway.

James 5:16..."The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM



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