

WELCOME

March 21, 2021

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 // 9AM // In Person & Live on YouTube
*Past messages are available // www.gatewaymerced.org
- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom
www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- 1st - 5th Grade // 9AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

- Prayer Nights Zoom // 6:30PM // www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

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| GATEWAY NEWS |

DIY EASTER WREATH KITS

Easter is coming and we have a gift for you! We have a few more DIY Easter Wreath kits available. Pick up a kit at the booth in the gym after the service.

YOU'RE INVITED TO GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY!

Good Friday Communion Service will be provided in-person and live streamed at 7PM on Friday, April 2. RSVP for childcare to Alisa Phillips by emailing aphillips@gatewaymerced.org

Easter Sunday will provide 9AM & 11AM services in-person and live streamed at 9AM. Children's Ministry provided for both services.

*Invites available at the offering tables.

SPRING CLEANUP // SATURDAY, MARCH 27 AT 8AM

Gateway's excited to invite you all to our Spring Cleanup! For those of you who enjoy cleaning flower beds, pruning trees, and planting plants, sign up at gatewaymerced.org/serve and partake in helping beautify our campus!

DID YOU KNOW WE RECYCLE?

You can recycle your old ink cartridges right here at Gateway. All you have to do is bring the empty cartridges to the church office or the information booth, we will recycle them for you.

HAVE YOU BEEN HEARD? // CRC DENOMINATIONAL SURVEY

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2021 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/1826 to answer the survey questions by March 31.

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

Comments, Prayer Requests:

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

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 3-21-2021

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

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***OPENER QUESTION**

Does anyone have a fear of flying? What makes fearful things difficult for you? Why or how do you face fear?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

John 19:26-27 "Mary At The Cross"

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 16:24-27 and Galatians 2:20

1. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to save their life will lose it"(Mt. 16:25). The word "save" has the idea of rescuing from danger. How do we get past the fear of losing our life to have His life?
2. What does it mean to you to be crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20)?
3. Can you explain how you submit the areas of your life to Christ?
4. Galatians 2:20 tells us to live our lives by faith in Christ. What does that mean?
5. What aspect of this topic of "losing our life to find life" is most difficult for you? Easiest?

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

March 21, 2021

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