

WELCOME

March 28, 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 |

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE Join us this Friday, April 2 at 7PM either in person or online at our website gatewaymerced.org. Childcare provided RSVP by emailing Alisa Phillips at aphillips@gatewaymerced.org.

**As you consider your participation in communion on Friday 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.*

EASTER SUNDAY Join us in person at 9AM or 11AM or via live stream at our website gatewaymerced.org at 9AM. Children's Ministry provided for both services.

GRIEF SHARE // THURSAYS AT 6:30-8:30PM // CHURCH LIBRARY

Our Grief Share Support Group session is now under way. Please know that you are not alone...

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.

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Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 3-28-2021

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 OR ACTIVITY:**

Was there ever a club people wanted you to join but you weren't interested? Did you ever get persuaded to join? Why?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Luke 23:32-43 "The Thief on the Cross"

DIGGING DEEPER: Luke 23:32-43 "Heart Change"

1. In Matthew 27:44 and Mark 15:32 the thief, who believes upon Jesus here in Luke, is seen as a mocker and reviler against Jesus. This thief had a change of heart. Discuss what evidence in the passage reveals his change of heart here in Luke.
2. Whether or not you have had a change of heart and trusted in Jesus, think about this question. Can you recall why you didn't have a change of heart earlier in your life?
3. This question is related to your story and how and when your heart was changed. Christians call this their "testimony." At this time, go around the group and take time for volunteers to share their testimony! What caused your "eyes to see and ears to hear" for the first time?

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 28, 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? _____

SUNDAYS 9AM
MARCH 28TH, 2021

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