# ELCO

March 3, 2024

# 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:

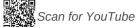
Loving God Loving Each Other Loving His World

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#### SUNDAY SERVICE - 8:30AM & 10:15AM

**Join us in person at:** 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 8AM & 9:45AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 6 wks Kinder | Preschool Wing
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4



Or LIVE on our YouTube Channel

## **NEW TO CHURCH?**

Go to our Guest Center for next steps or scan OR code to fill out our connection card



Scan for Next Steps

# DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCHCENTER APP

- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
- Check out the available small groups
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#### **CIY YOUTH CAMPS FUNDRAISER TODAY**

Our youth will be selling breakfast burritos after both services to raise money for the cost of CIY Camps this summer. Please stop by and support them if you can. Cost \$8 includes burrito & drink. We appreciate our Gateway family!

# SMALL GROUP | " LEADERS MIX" DESSERT NIGHT | MARCH 11

Please join us as a small group leader/teacher for planning post-Easter and also for the Fall...and for some special desserts! We'll meet at Carrie Alexander's house on Monday night, March 11 at 7PM. Please RSVP to Pastor Kevin: kborges@gatewaymerced.org so we have our dessert numbers accurate! Thank you!

# LADIES BUNCO EVENT | MARCH 16 | 11AM | RM. A4/5

Enjoy a fun day of Bunco, bring a snack to share and come have some fun! Don't know how to play? No worries, we will teach you. It's fun & easy! Sign up via the QR Code.



## **SERVE ON EASTER! | MARCH 31ST**

From bringing smiles to families with some yummy donuts, to helping kids hear the gospel message, to using your talents in music to usher us into His presence, there is a place for you to serve this day! Sign up now by scanning the QR code.



# **GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29TH | 7PM** EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31ST | 8:30AM OR 10:15AM

The Gospel proclaimed, lives forever changed...be a part of these powerful events, held to remember what was done on the cross for our sins and the final gift of life resurrected in Christ! \*Invites available at the tables to invite your friends and family.

# **GATEWAY NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024**

Check out our Gateway monthly newsletter and be updated on this past month's church ministries and other church-life updates!



Contact Me About:

# THRIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE | MAY 2-3 | BAYSIDE CHURCH

Ignite your passion. recharge your leadership. If you're a 回题编版画 current church leader or emerging leader, then this conference is for you! Become empowered to lead in your community and church through the many breakouts offered by Bayside Church in Roseville. Scan QR code if interested! \*Must be a Gateway attendee or member. Need to purchase ticket (hotel & food not included).

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I'm new to Gateway:

1st Visit

I've been here Best Contact Phone: I attend here often Change I'm a member

Series: Anchored... - Gateway Groups, Merced <u>"Bond Together/Grow Together"</u> // For the week of 3-3-24

## FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

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 was someone who provided the most security and peace in your life when you were young? Today?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 4-5:1-11

#### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

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

- 1. Pastor Al spoke of us having peace with God through faith. How often do you find yourself needing the "peace of God" and during what situations?
  - Read Colossians 1:15-23
- 2. What words(vs. 15-20) describe "The Son" as well as what He has done?
- 3. Is there one aspect that stands out most for you to apply? How is it possible for you to apply any of these aspects to your life in a real and tangible way?
- 4. Vs. 19-20 speaks of reconciling...by making peace on the cross. What would you say it means to "reconcile to Himself all things" and how does it make you feel that the blood of Jesus actually accomplished this? What do you think makes the blood so important?
- 5. Vrs. 21-23 continues with the theme of reconciliation. What was Christ's responsibility then and what is the believers responsibility now?
- 6. What type of comfort and peace can you receive by understanding who Jesus is(vs. 15-18) connected with all He has done to provide for you through His physical death?
- 7. How does Him making us holy(vs. 22) impact how you will live out your faith daily?

# **APPLY IT TODAY:**

What was most important for you to remember today and why?

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH MARCH 3RD, 2024

