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**April 14, 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:

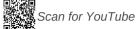
Loving God Loving Each Other Loving His World

### CONNECTED **GATEWAYMERCED.ORG**

#### 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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#### SECOND SERVICE TIME CHANGE, STARTING 4/28

After consulting with our Sunday ministries, we have decided to push our second service, starting April 28, to 10:30AM. This will allow each ministry to have more wiggle room in transitioning and preparing for our second service. Our prayer team will also be replacing their 9:45AM prayer meeting to 10-10:20AM for that service.

#### **COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY**

As you consider your participation in communion next week 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.

#### BAPTISM CLASS | TODAY BETWEEN SERVICES | RM A4/5

Once Jesus becomes the center of your life, you'll want to outwardly declare how God's been changing your life. If you are interested in getting baptized but missed the baptism class, you can call the Church at (209) 723-4283 or email info@gatewaymerced.org. Baptisms are scheduled to take place on April 28 during each service.

#### **DEEPER '24 YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE**

Sat, Apr 20 10AM-4PM, we'll be having our 2nd annual event for students who are Christians and want to grow deeper in their faith. Please go to gatewaymerced.org/youth and use the QR code to register to join us for this free event that is open to all Merced area youth (6th-12th grade) from all the churches in the valley. Lunch will be provided, so we hope many can join us! Any questions, reach out to Pastor Isaac for more info.

#### 30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR PASTORAL TRANSITION 回览标准图

Grab a booklet or scan the QR code to join our church in prayer for 30 days. We will be praying specifically for the pastoral transition taking place this year: Pastor AI stepping down as Senior Pastor as well as Pastor Dylan stepping into the role of Lead Pastor.



#### **GRIEFSHARE | NEW CLASS STARTING APRIL 22**

GriefShare is for anyone needing a support system as they walk through a difficult time. Please look online at the Gateway web site under small groups to find out more information.

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

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).



## Small Groups Worship Ministry Ministries RightNow Media to Contact me: ☐ Inf☐ Rig☐ Sey Confidential (Staff Only) Best way Comments, Prayer Requests: Becoming a Follower of Jesus

College/Young Adults

Elementary/Preteen

Infant/Kindergarten

Contact Me About:

Baptism

I'm new to Gateway:

1st Visit

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

Series: Anchored... - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 4-14-24

#### 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:**

Share one memory growing up where you remember the feeling of being loved so greatly. Why does this moment stand out to you?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 8:31-39

#### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.) Read over Romans 8:31-39

- 1. How important is it to hear how much God loves you? This may take awhile to answer, but consider how important this is.
- 2. Take a few minutes individually, to look up a favorite Bible verse that personally conveys God's immense love for you. Why is it so important to you?
- 3. Why are verses 31-34 important in understanding how God loves us? List the ways these verses reveal God's love for you? (ie "God is for us")
- 4. Why does Paul have to share how solid Christ's love for us is in vrs. 35-39?
- 5. Is it possible, and if so, how can Christians be "more than conquerors" when faced with all the opposing elements Paul describes from vrs. 35-39? How have you focused on and received the incredible love Christ has for you?
- 6. How does it make you feel that you are the focus of the love of the Creator of the universe and the Savior of the world? Read Psalm 139:1-18 to close.

#### **APPLY IT TODAY:**

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

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