

WELCOME

May 1, 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

SUNDAY

- 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

TUESDAY

Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

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

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM: @GATEWAYMERCED

GATEWAY NEWS

BAPTISM CLASS// SUNDAY, MAY 15

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us Sunday (5/15) in A4&5 for a 45 minute orientation after each service. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283. Baptisms will be held May 29.

JOIN THE BUS MINISTRY!

Our Gateway bus is being put to good use in helping out with transportation for those who need it on Sundays! We are still looking for more people to join in volunteering to drive people to church using our Gateway bus. If you're interested in knowing more, have a valid driver's license and are willing to go through a background check, even if it is helping one day a month or just when available, please fill out the Communication Card and put it in the offering basket, email info@gatewaymerced.org, or sign up online at gatewaymerced.org/serve. *Passenger Endorsement" is a plus but not required. Come join the team and LITERALLY bring people to Jesus!

UGANDA - TEAM PEARL

The team is preparing to head to Africa to join the work with friends in that region, please keep us in prayer for physical support and health leading to the trip and while away. Also, if you would like to donate to help this trip succeed, you can do so by texting a dollar amount Uganda to 84321 - (ie - 100 Uganda to 84321). Please feel free to stop one of our team to ask about the trip! Trip dates are May 26 - June 7.

MERCED RESCUE MISSION FUNDRAISER // MAY 7TH

The Rescue Mission's Annual Oasis Fundraiser is on Sat., May 7, at their new Village of Hope campus! Tickets are \$25. Stop by the table after the service to purchase tickets and to find out more about the Rescue Mission.

MEN'S EVENT // A NIGHT WITH TODD AGNEW // WED., MAY 4TH

Free men's event presented by Jesus Saves Men! Come as you are and join us for a night of worship with special guest artist and speaker, Todd Agnew! Event starts at 7PM, doors open at 6:30PM, at Gateway.

Mother's Day Vendor Fair // May 7th // 11AM-4PM

You're invited to join Young Life Merced County to help raise funds to bring kids to camp at Lost Canyon Arizona this Summer! This event will be held in the Church Parking Lot on Sat., May 7th from 11AM-4PM.

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

Nehemiah Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 5-1-22

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

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:**

Have you ever done a genetic study of your family history? Discuss how it went and if you trust it. If not, discuss its viability.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Read over Isaiah 52:13-53:1-12 individually.

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. How important has accurate history been to your understanding and trust of the Bible? Have you ever done a study of how we got the Bible or on the person of Jesus and His life? What did you learn?
2. Have you ever doubted the accuracy of anything in scripture and if so, what did you do to answer your questions?
3. Which verse speaks out most to you from today's verses in Isaiah? Pick one that resonates with you that Jesus fulfilled and explain why it strikes you.
4. Pastor Kevin read through Luke 3:1-20 Sunday. Look at Luke 3:15. What stands out to you from the idea that people were "waiting expectantly" for a Messiah and that some were convinced that John was Him?
5. How important to your faith are the fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus?
6. One of the tasks of John the Baptist was to "Point People to the Messiah." What are some ways you can utilize messianic prophecy to point someone in the direction of Jesus? Come up with one question as a group that could be used as a discussion starter with a family member or co-worker.

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

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

- I'm new to Gateway: 1st Visit I attend here often I'm a member
- I've been here a few times

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

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