

WELCOME

May 22, 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

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GATEWAY NEWS |

COMMUNION // TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. 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.

UGANDA - TEAM PEARL

Gateway, thank you so much for your continued support of missions overseas! Team Pearl (because Uganda is considered the Pearl of Africa), has reached our financial goals and actually have had enough to even purchase 3 brand new computers and 6 digital cameras for the ministry of Shared Love Uganda! Please keep us in prayer with these requests as we depart May 26: Prayers for Uganda:

- That God would allow us to see Him work in unique and amazing ways.
- That we would all remain healthy (specifically COVID free between now and through the trip).
- That we would each be able to see God use us for His kingdom work daily.

Thank you for your prayers and support! Kevin and Team Pearl!

PENTECOST WORSHIP GATHERING // SUN, JUN 5 // MERCED HIGH

Join us on Sun, Jun 5 from 6-7:30PM as we worship together as the Church of Merced at the New Stadium at Merced High. We hope to see you there!
How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in UNITY! ~Psalm 133:1

FOOD IS THE CONNECTION TO THE STORIES OF OUR HISTORY

We will be having a multicultural family potluck event after our 10AM service on May 29th! Bring your favorite cultural dish and try others', meet our new members & family in Christ and share your story! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair. Several ways to sign up to bring your cultural dish online at our website, filling out the insert, or by calling Rob at 723-4283.

SATURATE 95340

We are partnering with Saturate USA in adopting our zip code 95340. For more info check out www.saturateusa.org. To answer the call go to Next Steps and reply Saturate Merced for more info, or stop by the Info booth.

JOIN THE BUS MINISTRY!

To find out more or to sign up please fill out the Communication Card, email info@gatewaymerced.org, or visit our website at gatewaymerced.org/serve. *Passenger Endorsement" is a plus but not required. Come join the team and LITERALLY bring people to Jesus!

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

Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 5-22-22

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:**

What is an exciting adventure/skill you could share confidently with someone else in teaching them?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Luke 5:1-11 Putting Our Confidence in Jesus

DIGGING DEEPER: (Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to **not** do every question)

1. Pastor Mark focused his message on putting confidence in Jesus and not the flesh. Where are you susceptible to veering off course by trusting yourself more, instead of trusting in God?
2. Read Hebrews 12:1-3 together. This comes right after speaking of all the faithful saints from the past in ch. 11. What is the direction we are to take from these 3 vs.? How does this relate to confidence in your Christian walk?
3. How does perseverance/obedience lead you to trust God more with your life?
4. Depending on your translation you will see a reference to a "weight," "obstacle," "encumbrance," "hindrance" in vs 1. It refers to the load you carry, not good or bad, just your usual distractions from being focused on God's plans. How do we figure out what part of that can be laid aside to free us to run with perseverance towards Christ?
5. In vs. 2 what does "fixing our eyes upon Jesus" look like to you and how will your courage in trusting Christ be strengthened, in your personal situation?
6. Vs. 3 tells us to "not grow weary and lose heart". How much do you need to hear and apply this to your life today so you have more confidence in Jesus?

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: _____

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Address: _____

Apt: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone: _____

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

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

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SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM

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