

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

WELCOME

May 8, 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

BAPTISM CLASS// SUNDAY, MAY 15

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us Next 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.

BAPTISM BRUNCH-BAPTISM CLASS FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS'

If you have a child who is interested in baptism join us Sat, May 21 at 10AM for a special interactive class and brunch made just for kids! Next kids Baptisms will be held on May 29th. If you have any questions contact Kendra Singer at ksinger@gatewaymerced.org.

END OF SCHOOL BASH YOUTH EVENT

Friday, May 20 from 7-11PM, along with 1st Assembly & Christian Life Center, we will be celebrating the end of another school year with our annual party at Gateway with fun, games, lots of amazing prizes, Kona Ice snow cones and more! Only \$5 per student (all current 6-12 graders welcome) at the door for our last fun-filled youth night of the school year!!

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. Sign up to bring your cultural dish online: https://forms.gle/bnf4AZCn13JD4hrg8 or by calling Rob at 723-4283.

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.

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 5-8-22

**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 belonged to a club (Costco, Country Club, Rotary, etc), or been denied membership to one? What benefits did it afford? What was the protocol to bring others into it if they weren't members?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Luke 3:21-38

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

1. How would you feel if you knew there was only a small group of people who could go to heaven and you weren't one of them? What emotions would you be feeling?
2. Read Isaiah 9:1-2 and 49:6b and discuss what these passages are saying concerning those who are part of the "nations" and also known as Gentiles. These are prophetic passages concerning the Messiah as light. Describe the benefits you've experienced while being able to understand and know this "light"?
3. Review Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:7-8. How does it feel to be the ones tasked with being "witnesses" of Jesus to others? Is this overwhelming, exciting, hard, easy, or courageous and how does this responsibility as a Christian impact you?
4. Think about a church that isolates itself, or one that becomes content knowing its members are saved, and feels no push to go beyond its own walls. If you were in that church, what ideas would you have to help lead others to respond to the gospel message?

**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:  1<sup>st</sup> Visit  I attend here often  I'm a member

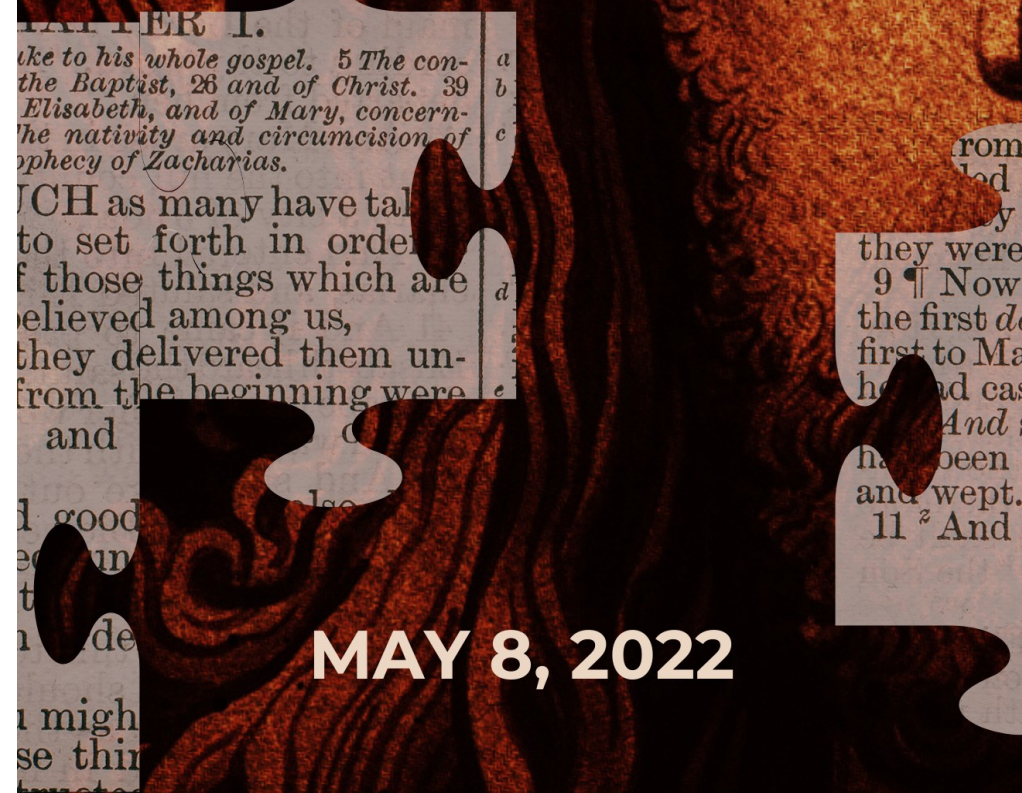
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If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_

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SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM**

**INVESTIGATING  
JESUS**



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