# WELCOME

June 20, 2021

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 instagram.com/gatewaychildrensministry/ facebook.com/gateway.childrensministry

## **INSPIRE College & Young Adults:**

instagram.com/inspiregateway/

## **Catalyst High School & Crossroads Middle School:**

instagram.com/gatewaymercedstudents/facebook.com/GatewayMercedStudents/

## JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups

#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS

#### **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.

#### ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER'S BABY BOTTLE BLAST

Thank you for being a Champion for LIFE and participating in this year's Baby Bottle Blast for Alpha PHC! Reminder: *Filled bottles are due back TODAY*. Please return filled bottles to the information cart.

#### **GATEWAY YOUTUBE**

Help us reach 1000 subscribers by subscribing to our YouTube page Gateway Community Church Merced.

#### **GATEWAY'S DAILY PRAYERS**

To receive the Daily Prayers via email call the Church office at 723-4283 or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA // FREE RESOURCE

We are proud to offer a free, customizable video library to equip families, resource groups, and develop leaders. Choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos for children, and over 20,000 biblical videos just for you. To sign up and get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin and mark *RightNow Media* or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

## **DID YOU KNOW WE RECYCLE?**

You can recycle your old ink cartridges right here at Gateway. All you have to do is bring the empty cartridges to the church office or the information booth, we will recycle them for you.

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If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? I've been here a few times Best Contact Phone: attend here often Apt: Birthdate Change in Contact Info I'm a member

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 6-20-2021

## 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.

## **OUICK REVIEW**

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

## \*OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:

What fun movie or event you experienced scared you? Why was it so scary to you? How did you calm down afterward?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Psalm 23.- "Father's Day"

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

- 1. Read out loud Psalm 23. Verse 1 promises that our Heavenly Father will give us what we need. How have you clearly experienced the hand of God in your need?
- 2. Verses 2 and 3 speak of green pastures, quiet waters and a restored soul. What about this explanation of the natural surroundings brings comfort? How have you experienced God restoring and refreshing your soul?
- 3. Verses 3 and 4 speak of walking the path of righteousness through the valley of the shadow of death. What value is a clean heart before God?
- 4. Verse 4 speaks of correction with the rod and staff. Has God's discipline helped you to treasure His presence?
- 5. Verse 5, being anointed with oil speaks of the indwelling Holy Spirit and the overflowing cup is the abundant joy. Talk about how you have experienced this.
- 6. Verse 6 speaks of eternity with God. Talk about what this stirs up in you.

## **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?

