

WELCOME

July 2, 2023

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 & Live on YouTube (10AM)
*Past messages are available // www.gatewaymerced.org
- **Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.**
- Join us for corporate prayer // 9AM // Conference Room & Zoom
www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- 1st - 5th Grade // 10AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // *Instagram @inspiregateway*
- Catalyst High School // gatewaymerced.org/youth
- Crossroads Middle School // gatewaymerced.org/youth

SMALL GROUPS

Sign up for a small group online today! Scan the QR Code to find a group today! Groups for men, women, couples, finances, young adults, etc.



Scan to Connect

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| GATEWAY NEWS |

4TH OF JULY // OFFICE CLOSED

Happy 4th of July! The church office will be closed Tues, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

MEALS MINISTRY

Meals Ministry is looking for more volunteers. Do you enjoy serving others during a time of need? We could use your help! Serve when you can. Sign up on communication card. Questions, see/text/call Jen Parra. (510)304-6329.

MOVIE NIGHT AT GATEWAY!

July 18th | Doors open 6:30PM | Movie starts 7PM | Gateway Worship Center
Our women's ministry will be hosting a Summer movie night featuring Jesus Revolution! Movie is rated PG-13, so we suggest ages 13+ due to drug content shown. Don't forget to bring some movie snacks for the full experience! Please RSVP at gatewaymerced.org/events.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS // WEDNESDAYS UNTIL 7/26

A Spiritual Gifts class is being held Wednesday nights over the Summer in the Library at 6:30PM. Anyone who is interested can be here by 6:30PM or sign up online at gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups

GATEWAY'S 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY // JULY 30TH!

Mark your Calendars for our big event: Gateway's 40-Year Anniversary on July 30th! Celebrate how the Lord is our Banner through our 40 years of ministry. More details to come.

GATEWAY SUMMER CAMP // WE HAVE A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

Summer camp runs Mon-Fri from 7:30AM-5:30PM. Cost is \$125 per week. Email Brandy at bschwesinger@gatewaymerced.org to check availability.

WORSHIP PLAYLIST

Need encouragement throughout the week? Check out Gateway's YouTube worship playlist! This is meant to strengthen your faith, allow you to spend time with God, and ultimately to worship Him because He is most worthy to be praised. Enjoy! www.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.

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Infant/Kindergarten
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Elementary/Preteen
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/Young Adults
- Discover Serving
- Small Groups

Area of Interest:

Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only)
- Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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I AM

I AM - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 7-2-23

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:

As a child, what did you call your Father? Did it depend on your mood, what you wanted or other conditions?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Exodus 6:3, Job 40:2 and other passages from Job.

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)

1. Jehovah in scripture is God's name. Why does God want us to know His name and so much about Him?
2. In Job 40:2, the words El Shaddai mean God Almighty (masculine deity) and are a title. Describe what almighty means to you in your relationship with Him.
3. In Exodus 3:14, God tells Moses "I Am has sent you." That "I am" means "I exist." Do you ever struggle with your faith and in believing God exists?
4. In Matthew 26:63 and many other verses Jesus is called the Son of God. This is true in two ways. Look at Acts 13:33 to see the other meaning of Jesus being His Son. How does this add to your relationship with Jesus?
5. 2 Peter 1:1 calls Jesus our God and Savior. What is your response? How should you respond to Jesus?
6. Read Colossians 1:15-17 about Jesus' authority. How might this relate to God's name El Shaddai, which is used in the Old Testament.
7. Study the verse Zechariah 12:10. Do you see the Father and the Son as one in that verse? Discuss how it is expressed. Has this discussion helped with your concept of Christ and the Father? Can you say what you are seeing?

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

July 2, 2023

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____ Change in Contact Info

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____ Apt: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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? _____