

WELCOME

July 23, 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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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.

FALL SMALL GROUP HOSTS/LEADERS NEEDED

Sept 17-Oct 27 we will have the incredible opportunity to take Gateway Community Church through a special small group Bible Study. "Engaging Culture: How Your Faith Can Restore a Broken World" will help our church learn more about how to engage the culture we live in with effectiveness and intentionality. If you are interested in learning more, please sign up today! We will have a special "Reveal" Dessert night Mon, Aug 28 at 7PM in order to provide every Host/Leader/Teacher with the necessary tools and direction to best facilitate their group. Sign up today through your bulletin or email us at: info@gatewaymerced.org.

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT // THIS FRIDAY, JULY 28 AT 8:30PM

Join Gateway Students this Friday night for an outdoor movie night on the big screen as we watch the Christian comedy movie, Family Camp! (rated PG) We encourage our students to bring their families (and chairs/blankets) as we watch a great movie about family dynamics and enjoy free popcorn. This will take place on the back lawn, 8:30-10:30PM. Any questions, contact Pastor Isaac at iparra@gatewaymerced.org.

BAPTISMS // NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

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.

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATES

Curious about the status of the search process? Want to know how you can pray for specific needs along the way? Do you need to communicate with our Search Team? This website has been created to communicate all of the above and to make it easy for the Gateway family to connect with the team. Check in often, read about upcoming meetings, projects, and eventually Senior Pastor candidate visits. The site is: gatewaymerced.org/seniorpastorsearch

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
JULY 23, 2023

I AM - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 7-23-23

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:**

Who do you have to take care of? What does that entail? Is there someone who you will soon be caring for?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Jehovah Jireh - "The God Who Provides" - Genesis 22:14

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. Read aloud Psalm 147:8-9. He provides for the things we cannot provide for. What are ways you appreciate how He provides for nature?
2. Read aloud 1 Kings 17:4. God provided food in an odd way. Do you have any unexpected ways God has provided food, or otherwise, for you?
3. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 10:13. What is it that God is providing here? Why is this an important part of Jehovah Jireh? Has it been easy to see Him this way?
4. Read aloud John 1:29 and Acts 17:25. Who can share a testimony of how these verses have provided security, hope and peace in your life?
5. Read aloud John 13:34. As God has loved us, perfectly, and thereby provided something beyond what mankind can provide, name ways you can extend His love to others. Be specific.

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 23, 2023

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

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____ City: _____

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? _____