

WELCOME

July 30, 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 // *KIDS IN SERVICE TODAY
- 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 |

BAPTISMS TODAY!

Individuals and families have come forward with the desire to publicly profess or re-affirm their faith through baptism, and for some, present their young children for Covenant baptism. Jesus said let the little children come to Him do not hinder them; and that all of heaven rejoices when one person repents. Please join us AND heaven in celebrating with all those being baptized today.

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.

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

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

JULY 30, 2023

I AM

I AM - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 7-30-23

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:

What T shirts, sweaters, posters, car decals, hats, shoes, purses and jewelry do you display to show whose team you are on, who you support, who you want to be like etc.? Think of the contrast with today's study.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Jehovah Nissi, Exodus 17 - The Lord is My Banner

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

Read Exodus 17:8-16 together

1. How long have you attended Gateway Church? What has God provided for you in all that time?
2. What role does Moses play in this battle, since he isn't fighting?
3. When vs 15 speaks of a "Banner," the Hebrew word is "Nissi," and refers to it being mounted high. It has two main purposes: **to draw God's people to Him and to warn the enemies that He is taking a stand against them.**
4. Jeremiah 4:19-22, Psalm 60:4, Isaiah 13:2 are passages that refer to "banner" in the context of battle. Similar to Moses' reference to the "Lord is my Banner" being done for battle is our need to be drawn to God in battle. What are the "battles" you have faced or are facing where you need to be drawn to the "Lord as your Banner"?
5. What does verse 14 say to the importance of Joshua's role in this battle?
6. Is there any way you need to be drawn to who God is in your life? How will you do this?

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: _____ 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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