

# WELCOME

July 4, 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](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://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](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- 1st - 5th Grade // 9AM & 11AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM & 11AM // Preschool Wing  
[instagram.com/gatewaychildrensministry/](https://www.instagram.com/gatewaychildrensministry/)  
[facebook.com/gateway.childrensministry](https://www.facebook.com/gateway.childrensministry)

### INSPIRE College & Young Adults:

[instagram.com/inspiregateway/](https://www.instagram.com/inspiregateway/)

### Catalyst High School & Crossroads Middle School:

[instagram.com/gatewaymercedstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/gatewaymercedstudents/)  
[facebook.com/GatewayMercedStudents/](https://www.facebook.com/GatewayMercedStudents/)

### JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### OFFICE CLOSED // OBSERVANCE OF 4TH OF JULY

Happy 4th of July! The church office will be closed tomorrow, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

### MEET AND GREET // JULY 11

Are you new to Gateway and/or would like to get plugged into our church? Come and meet some of our Gateway staff and members at our 'Meet N Greet' next Sunday after the service in A4&5. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

### DISCOVER MEMBERSHIP - JULY 18TH-AUGUST 15TH

New to Gateway Church or have you been with us and want to discover more? Join us for this informative series of Gateway, Discovery, Membership. Class starts July 18th from 11:15AM-12:15PM in Room A4&5. Childcare will be provided.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### 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

**SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM  
GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
JULY 4TH, 2021**

**PSALMS FOR  
THE SUMMER**



**Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced**  
*"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 7-4-2021*

**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.

**QUICK REVIEW**

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

**\*OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:**

Have you ever experienced someone who was a mean and nasty individual? What emotions welled up inside of you?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Psalm 58 - A Song for Cursing

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Read through Luke 6:27-36 as a group

1. After reading this passage, what are the real and honest emotions you are feeling about what Jesus said(27-31)?
2. Why is it so hard to love your enemies? What does it require of you?
3. Why would Jesus command us to respond in such an unnatural way?
4. Are you aware of enemies in your life? In your family-in your work-in your church? Do you have any response/struggle to Jesus' words to love them?
5. Does gaining any reward from loving your enemies give you motivation to love them? Vs35

**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 4, 2021**

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Change in Contact Info

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I've been here a few times

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