

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

**For the week of 7-23-2023**

### 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?