

# WELCOME

August 1, 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

### 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 |

### FAITH & SCIENCE SEMINAR - SUNDAYS AUG 8-SEPT 12

Mark your calendars for the Faith & Science Seminar with Dr. Johnny & Christiane Touma starting Aug 8 - Sept 12 at 6PM at Gateway Church. Sign up on the communication card or online at [gatewaymerced.org](http://gatewaymerced.org).

### HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES POTLUCK AND YARD GAMES // SEPT 18

If you are interested in participating on Sat, Sept 18th from Noon-3PM at Kevin and Jenny Gonzalves Home please fill out the communication card or contact Jennifer Parra (510) 304-6329 or [JDGhimenti@aol.com](mailto:JDGhimenti@aol.com) to sign up. Bring your own blanket or chair. A potluck sign up sheet will be emailed out to those who sign up.

### ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER // TRI TIP FUNDRAISER

Alpha PHC is holding a drive-thru for a WHOLE BBQ TriTip on Fri, Aug 13. The deadline to order is Mon, Aug 9. For more information or to order call Geri at 209-383-4700 or visit their website [alphaphc.com](http://alphaphc.com).

### CARE MINISTRY UPDATE

COVID, heaped upon everyday life, has presented us with a greater need for care, support, and recovery. The Care Ministry at Gateway is responding to this need with the desire to recruit, train, and place volunteers into areas of service and leadership opportunities.

We are currently looking for volunteers who would like to facilitate one of our video-based support and recovery groups.

Current and upcoming group opportunities include:

- ACE Overcomers - healing from adverse child experiences and breaking unhealthy cycles.
- Grief Share - support in the death of a loved one.
- Divorce Care - support for those experiencing separation or divorce.
- The Journey Course - Recovery from Sexual addiction/unwanted sexual behaviors.
- Financial Crisis support - in development.
- Marriage strengthening - in development.

For more information, contact the church office at (209) 723-4283 or email Pastor Kenny at [kdunham@gatewaymerced.org](mailto:kdunham@gatewaymerced.org).

#### 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  
AUGUST 1ST, 2021

PSALMS FOR  
THE SUMMER



Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced  
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 8-1-2021

**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:**

What is the most amazing or beautiful man made structures or landscapes you have ever experienced?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Psalm 104

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Look at the first 2 questions. Now, read Psalm 104 together with those questions in mind.

1. How would you describe the Psalm writer's view of God based solely on this passage?
2. What words (or phrases) in this passage about His power jump out at you or surprise you? Take a close look at the verses and discuss.
3. How would you describe God's power to an unbeliever who asks about Him?
4. Why would you think it is so important we recognize God's works (vs24) as described here? Why would vs 31 say for God to "rejoice in His works"?
5. Why would this Psalm be of any importance in your life? How would the Psalmist want us to respond to the Psalm?

**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**

August 1, 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? \_\_\_\_\_