

# WELCOME

August 14, 2022

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 & Live on YouTube (10AM)  
\*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 // 9AM // Conference Room & Zoom  
[www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- 1st - 5th Grade // 10AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

### TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

### THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // @inspiregateway

### GET CONNECTED:

[gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2](http://gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2)

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### MEET AND GREET // TODAY // JOIN US AFTER SERVICE

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' TODAY after the service in C6. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

### YOUTH GROUPS ARE BACK!

High School Catalyst is back TONIGHT 7-8:45PM and Middle School (6-8th grade) Crossroads is back this Tues, Aug. 16 - 7-8:30PM in the Gym. We hope our returning students are excited and new students can join us for all the fun, connection and growth we experience together!

### HOW TO LEAD A SMALL GROUP TRAINING // THIS WED, AUG. 17

Training begins in C6 THIS Wednesday night at 6:30PM. If you would like to find out how to lead a small group, or just get a refresher before we begin our Fall groups, please join us for this 3 week training! We'll have fun and give you the tools needed to lead a successful small group! Contact Pastor Kevin at [kborges@gatewaymerced](mailto:kborges@gatewaymerced) for any other details.

### GIANT FAMILY GAME NIGHT // THIS FRIDAY // 6:30-8:30 PM

You are invited! 20+ giant games, toddler zone, kid zone, youth zone, concessions, giveaways, and much more fun! Back to school blessing | Backpack tags | Free school supply raffle.

### FIND YOUR PEOPLE WOMEN'S EVENT // AUGUST 27 // 9AM-12PM

Fellowship with other women, worship our God as one, and get the practical tools to initiate *deep and meaningful* conversations with the people God is bringing you together with, in a rich and intimate way of living! RSVP for childcare when registering at [gatewaymerced.org/events](http://gatewaymerced.org/events).

### 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).

### 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

**Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced**  
*"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 8-14-22*

**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:**

Can you describe a time when you felt like giving up on a job or ability or craft, but you persisted and were surprised when the results finally came?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Luke 11:1-13 Investigating Jesus

**DIGGING DEEPER:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

Today's study is from Luke 11:1-13

1. Have you considered why God often requires us to persist instead of giving us immediately what we pray for? What happens to us when we persist?
2. What kills or dismantles our faith? What things in your life have had the ability to cause you to lose hope in God's answers? How do you overcome?
3. What is the most difficult part of your prayer life? The easiest?
4. Notice that the conclusion of Jesus' teaching to the disciples asking to be taught how to pray, ends with Him assuring them that the Father will give them the Holy Spirit if they ask. What are some ideas as to what you think Jesus means exactly?
5. What have you been taught or experienced about the need for the Holy Spirit in your life? How would you explain Jesus' words in vs. 9-13 relating to how God sees you, hears you and wants to give you His Holy Spirit?
6. Have you ever been hindered by the thought that God does not have time for you or is not interested in you? How can you live out this week in light of the promises of prayer and God's goodness given in this passage?

**APPLY IT TODAY:**

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember? Why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?

**Communication/Prayer Request Card**

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

**August 14, 2022**

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

- I'm new to Gateway:  1<sup>st</sup> Visit  I've been here a few times  
 I attend here often  I'm a member

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

