

WELCOME

August 6, 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 // 10AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 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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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.

JOIN THE BUS MINISTRY!

Our Gateway bus is being put to good use in helping out with transportation for those who need it on Sundays! We are still looking for more people to join in volunteering to drive people to church using our Gateway bus. If you're interested in knowing more, have a valid driver's license and are willing to go through a background check, even if it is helping one day a month or just when available, please fill out the Communication Card and put it in the offering basket, email info@gatewaymerced.org, or sign up online at gatewaymerced.org/serve. *Passenger Endorsement" is a plus but not required. Come join the team and LITERALLY bring people to Jesus!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE (I.S.E.) OPPORTUNITY

International Student Exchange (I.S.E.) is a student exchange program where high school students are paired with a host family. These volunteer families house the students, introduce them to American culture, and generally help the students succeed while they are here in America. In addition, this presents a unique opportunity for the host families to show the love of Christ and spread His good word to these students. Visit www.iseusa.org to find out more. If you are interested in becoming a host family contact Stacey Duarte at (479) 426-3648 or email her at stacey.duarte.ise@gmail.com.

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 AUGUST 6, 2023

I AM

I AM - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 8-6-23

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:

Do you know any rich, powerful or important people personally? Are they close to you? Do you change your behavior around them?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Elohim - Genesis 1:1-3

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. Elohim is the Hebrew word for God(what He is) and Jehovah is His name (who He is). Can you consider for yourself what the difference might be for what you are and who you are?
2. Read Exodus 6:3. This is where God reveals His name, Jehovah, to Moses. What seems striking that godly men before Moses were not told His name? Talk about the honor of knowing God's name.
3. Read aloud Psalm 89:11. Who does everything belong to? Have you considered this truth that none of your stuff belongs to you? What should that change in your behavior?
4. Read aloud Isaiah 42:5. Consider that even your breath is a gift from God. What should be your response to Elohim in light of the fact that everything we have was supplied by Him, even your current breath?
5. Read aloud Genesis 2:15-17. Why do we get angry when we find out there are things in this world He does not want us to have? How important to your walk with God is it to willingly, lovingly take "No" for an answer?
6. Read this passage that is describing Jesus. Colossians 1:15-20. There are too many ideas to discuss here, but search the six verses and talk about some of the ideas that inspire and fill you with joy.

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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