

WELCOME

August 8 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

Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.

- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom
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/)
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JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS |

FAITH & SCIENCE SEMINAR - TONIGHT AT 6PM

Faith & Science Seminar with Dr. Johnny & Christiane Touma starting Z TONIGHT at 6PM.

BAPTISMS // AUGUST 29

Our next time of celebrating baptisms is scheduled for August 29. If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member fill out the communication card or call the office at 723-4283.

FIT TEAM SUNDAY MORNING!

If you love people and love to serve, the FIT Team needs you! FIT (First Impressions Team) consists of Ushers, Refreshments, Greeters, Welcome and Safety Teams. Please sign up today to use your gifts to make Gateway even more welcoming every Sunday!

HOST A SMALL GROUP THIS FALL!

The Small Groups ministry at Gateway will be starting small groups again this September! Our team would love to invite you to join as a Host and learn more about how to lead in one of our simple studies, in your home! Please fill out the communication card and say "Host" and place it in the offering basket. The Host training is Saturday, August 28 and we want to see you there too! Sign up now!

HOUSEBOAT RETREAT // COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS!

INSPIRE, our ministry for college and young adults, is taking registrations online now for "The Journey" Houseboat Retreat at Lake McClure, Sept 10-12. We will worship, share Jesus, wakeboard, swim, and so much more! Space is limited so sign up now online at gatewaymerced.org/inspire.

FINDING JOY // WOMEN'S EVENT // SAT, SEPT 11!

If you've missed gathering with local women who love Jesus and want to focus on Him, then sign-up today! Please join us as we take time to reconnect, hear some true stories of God's grace, and worship. TOGETHER! Admission is free; but attendees must register and provide their own chair. Tickets are available at [findingjoy.eventbrite.com](https://www.findingjoy.eventbrite.com).

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 8TH, 2021

PSALMS FOR
THE SUMMER



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

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 gets you really excited? Why?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Psalm 150 - Praising God

DIGGING DEEPER:

Isaiah 6:1-5, Exodus 34:4-8, Ephesians 5:17-20, Rev. 7:9-12

1. Sunday's message was all about praising God. **To worship means** - to be *prostrate (especially reflexive in homage to royalty or God), bow(self) down, crouch, fall down(flat)*. **To praise(halal)means** - "to shine, boast, exult." *Knowing this, describe how you've understood "praise" and "worship"?*
2. What did the prophet experience in Isaiah 6 from the Seraphim, worship or praise(vs 3)? What did Isaiah respond with, worship or praise(vs 5)?
3. Look at Moses' response to God in Exodus 34. Vs. 8 says "Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped". *Personally, have you ever found yourself in a position of worship as Moses did here? Discuss.*
4. Now, review Ephesians 5 and describe what Paul says the attitude of a believer's heart response to God should be. Is that worship or praise?
5. With the angels(Seraphim), with the prophet Moses, and with us, what reasons do you find that God was being, and is to be, worshiped AND praised? In other words, what is the reason or the "Why" for their specific responses to God? Discuss these reasons together.
6. Lastly, and to understand from Scripture, read over Revelation 7:9-12. How do praise and worship work together in this setting? How could your praise and worship work together in your life this week?

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 8, 2021

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 attend here often I'm a member

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? _____