

# WELCOME

September 18, 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

### 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 // 8PM // Gym

#### GET CONNECTED:

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

#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS // TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE

Interested in becoming a member? Want to learn more about who we are and what we stand for? Starting TODAY in Rm. A4&5 after service for an hour, we'll be providing Discover Membership classes. We'd love to get to know you better and for us to discover together if Gateway is the home God has in store for you and your family!

### SIGN UP FOR A SMALL GROUP TODAY

Looking for a way to be in Bible study and in relationship with others? Our Small Groups vision is that we Bond Together relationally and Grow Together Spiritually - Bond Together/Grow Together. Check out the sign up table or go online to the Gateway "Get Connected" page to sign up for a small group! The variety of groups will range from Marriage, Men, Women, Finances, Sermon Based Groups, Bible Book focused groups and more! Find your group today at [gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups](http://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups)

### COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. Everyone who is truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desires to live in obedience to Him, is invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

### MEET AND GREET // OCTOBER 9

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' on October 10 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!

### YOUNG LIFE ROUNDUP ~ FUND RAISING BANQUET // OCT 6 @ 6PM

The Young Life ROUNDUP is on Thursday, October 6th, @ 6PM here at Gateway. They will be celebrating the mission of Young Life together with dinner, entertainment, and stories of Young Life kids from around Merced County. Come as you are, bring a friend and enjoy a memorable night with us! No charge for this event, but RSVP is needed: [mercedcounty.younglife.org](http://mercedcounty.younglife.org)

### 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

# GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH SUNDAYS 10AM

## INVESTIGATING JESUS

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## SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

### Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 9-18-22

#### 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:

Were you ever so thirsty that you drank something you normally would not? Tell us about it.

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Luke 14:1-24 "All Are Invited"

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

1. Spence spoke of how the gospel is for "anyone and everyone." How do you feel about this gospel of salvation being even for those who don't deserve it? Why doesn't "anyone and everyone" accept this gospel?
2. Read John 7:37-39. What does Jesus say about "anyone who is thirsty?" How many people in your life have you witnessed as being "thirsty?" Do you have any examples you can share from your life of how they believed?
3. What creates "thirst" ...or better yet, what keeps people from becoming "thirsty?"
4. Do you have a burden to share the gospel with others? Is your job as a believer to have a burden for "anyone and everyone" or should we be searching only for the "thirsty?"
5. Look back at Luke 14:15-24. Who are the poor, crippled, blind and lame Jesus is referring to (vs. 21)?
6. Who (out of the guests invited) do you relate to most in vrs 16-23, and why?
7. Who are the thirsty in your life that you may be able to persuade with the truth?

#### 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.

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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