

WELCOME

September 19, 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
- 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
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

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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.

SMALL GROUPS // JOIN NOW

Join a small group for our new Fall Campaign: Everybody Always by Bob Goff, starting TODAY! We'll be learning what it truly means to love everybody the way Jesus loved them--without fear, insecurity, or restriction. Find your group online at gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups

STUDENT MINISTRIES // CATALYST HS KICK OFF // TONIGHT

Catalyst HS (9th-12th grade) TONIGHT from 7-8:45PM, in the Gateway Gym. BBQ and Smores. PARENTS: Email Isaac to sign up for parent emails iparra@gatewaymerced.org or sign up at gatewaymerced.org/youth.

MS & HS STUDENTS // YOSEMITE CHURCH // SEPT 21 // 6:30-8PM.

September 22nd is a global day of student prayer known as SYATP (See You At The Pole) where Christian students meet in the morning at flag poles to pray for their school, communities and the world. We are partnering with other churches in our community to pray and encourage students to gather and pray as one. See you at the pole!

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES // UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 18TH - If you are interested in participating on 9/18 from 1-4PM at Kevin and Jenny Gonzalves Home please fill out the communication card or contact Jennifer Parra (510) 304-6329 or 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.

OCT 2ND - Are you a homeschooling family or plan to be one? Come join us in Winton on October 2nd at 10:30AM for almond cracking/cleaning and making butter. All ages welcome. Please bring your own blender. RSVP to JDGhimenti@aol.com or on the communication card.

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

How have you seen God move in your life this week/recently?

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 9-19-2021

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 was your favorite car growing up? How did you take care of it? List all the ways you cared for it.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Mark 12:28-30 - "Loving God"

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. What would you say is the definition of "heart, soul, mind and strength" in relation to how to love God?"
2. What, if anything, is difficult for you about this passage?
3. Where can you see Jesus demonstrating this command? In other words, where and how in Scripture does Jesus show His love for His Father?
4. In your definitions of "heart, soul, mind and strength" how would you actively pursue them this week? Be specific.
5. Does loving God always involve our feelings? Can you explain a time where your love for God welled up inside of you emotionally? Can you pinpoint what provoked that?
6. Is there another time where it was simply about your response of obedience without the emotion?

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

September 19, 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? _____

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM



Becoming Love in a World
Full of Setbacks & Difficult People

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021