

# WELCOME

September 26, 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](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://www.gatewaymerced.org)
- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom  
[www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://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>

#### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

*The Moore Family would like to thank all who prayed for Ron and the family. The donations of food for the reception was greatly appreciated.*

### COMMUNION // TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. 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 10

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 Sun. Oct 10 after both services in A4&5. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

### HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES // ALMOND CRACKING // 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](mailto:JDGhimenti@aol.com) or on the communication card.

### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY // SAT. OCT. 9 // 8AM-11:30AM

Help us bring some of God's love to our city! The City of Merced's next cleanup & outreach day is planned for Saturday, October 9, starting at 8AM and lasting through an optional lunch at 11:30AM. The gathering site is Loughborough/Fahrens Park. We plan to join folks from other churches and other citizens of the community to help our city's mayor & city manager and their teams bless our city by cleaning up. Bring gloves, buckets, garbage bags, trucks...and hearts of servant-love for our city! (By the way, if you know how many from your group will be coming, feel free to let Al know at the office for planning purposes!)

### "GENERATIONS" CAMPAIGN

Please remember to be in prayer for our "Generations" Campaign, asking God to also show you how He wants you to be part of it. Thank you!

#### 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 9-26-2021

**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:**

Is there a story of a teacher/coach/adult figure who showed you the best of intentions and love that you can share?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

"Love People Where You Are" - Everybody, Always Deuteronomy 5:16-21,  
Mark 12:28-34

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Read Luke 10:25-37

1. Could you imagine Jesus telling you a story? What would you love most about that encounter? Least?
2. Why do you think Jesus asks the question, "Which of the 3 people was a neighbor" to the teacher of the law?
3. Why do you think this teacher/expert in the law answers the way he does?
4. Have you ever seen someone give away extravagant love to a person who was their enemy? If so, when was it and what did it look like?
5. If you were to identify with one person in the story of the Good Samaritan, which one would you be and why? Think about this.
6. Loving people can sometimes be a challenge. Loving your enemy could be impossible. What is the hardest part of this for you?

**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 26, 2021

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

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

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

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

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? \_\_\_\_\_

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM



Becoming Love in a World  
Full of Setbacks & Difficult People

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021