

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 6-13-2021**

### 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:** Was there a time in your life that you took pride in being the child of your parents? How did it shape your actions? Did you tell them? Did you tell anyone?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Psalm 40.- "Sinking to Singing"

### Digging Deeper:

1. Read out loud Psalm 40:1. Can you relate a time when you continually cried out to God and did it with patient trust? What was that like?
2. Read out loud Psalm 40:15. Have you ever witnessed someone taunting believers? How has anything like this ever impacted you?
3. Read out loud Psalm 40:3. What attributes or truths of God excite you to want to sing about what you felt? Or to declare heartfelt praise?
4. Read out loud Psalm 40:8. This prophetically speaks of Christ's delight in doing the Father's will. Describe if you ever felt that joy of knowing that what you were doing/saying was exactly what God's will was for you? Did that change anything in your life?
5. Read out loud Psalm 40:9. What are the ways we "proclaim Your saving acts in the great assembly" today?
6. Read out loud Psalm 40:10 and Psalm 119:11. Look at the word "hidden" and discuss the different use of the word "hidden" in these two contexts.

### 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?