

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 6-27-2021**

### 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 is the largest choir or orchestra you have experienced in person? Can you talk about the thoughts and emotions it brought out in you?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Psalm 148 - Let's Praise

**Digging Deeper:** Read Colossians 3:15-17 together

1. What themes do you see running through this passage?
2. What are the ways your life is impacted by people around you who are encouragers, grateful, and genuinely thankful people? How, specifically, does it affect your mood, relationships, work, family, etc?
3. Sunday, we read Psalm 148 - a Psalm of praise! What does Colossians say about the music we use in response to Christ's rule in our hearts? What do you think about that?
4. How would you define Hymns? Psalms? Songs from the Spirit? What does Paul, the writer of Colossians, say about this type of music/worship?
5. What does being a disciple of Jesus look like for you personally, in response to these verses about thanksgiving and worship?
6. Whether we are singers or not, let's reflect on what Christ's work has meant to us. How can you apply the directive to "sing"? Share ideas.

### 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?