

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 7-25-2021**

### 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:** Who in the world would you change places with, even for a day? What do they have, or what do they do that you would like to experience?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Psalm 73 Unhealthy Comparisons

### Digging Deeper:

1. Read out loud Psalm 73. Focus on verses 2 and 3. What was the author doing that came close to destroying him? Does this compare with anything you have struggled with?
2. Read out loud Galatians 6:4 and 1 Corinthians 4:7. What has God done for you or through you that you feel like telling the world about? Have you told people? Can you distinguish between what you have done and what God has done through you. Where does boasting come in?
3. Read Ephesians 1:18 out loud. That phrase "the riches of the glory of His inheritance." Have you felt encouraged to stay on the path because of His promises? What promises and features of Heaven excite you?
4. Read out loud Revelation 5:13. Picture yourself in that throng around the throne in heaven, singing and shouting the words "To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, be blessing, honor, the glory and the dominion forever and ever." Should you be in rehearsal now for that time?
5. Where will joy come from if you continue unhealthy comparisons of others?

### 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?