

WELCOME

October 2, 2022

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 & Live on YouTube (10AM)
*Past messages are available // www.gatewaymerced.org

Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.

- Join us for corporate prayer // 9AM // Conference Room & Zoom
www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- 1st - 5th Grade // 10AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

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

GET CONNECTED:

gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS |

FALL FEST | MON, OCT. 31ST | 6:30-8:30PM | GATEWAY PARKING LOT

Free carnival games, trunk or treating & best trunk competition, plus hot dogs and drinks for sale! Get some candy, win some prizes and connect with family and friends! ..but first, join in the behind-the-scenes fun by donating candy, volunteering for a game, helping with set-up and tear down, or by decorating the trunk of your car! Sign up for some fun by filling out the communication card or by visiting our website: gatewaymerced.org/fall-fest.

MEET AND GREET // NEXT SUNDAY // OCTOBER 9

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' NEXT SUNDAY after the service in C6. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

YOUTH BREAKFAST BURRITO FUNDRAISER // SUN, OCT 16

On Sunday Oct. 16 after service, our youth will be selling breakfast burritos to raise money for their camps. They'd appreciate any and all support!

BAPTISMS// OCTOBER 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us Sun., Oct. 16 after the service. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

SMALL GROUPS // "BOND TOGETHER/GROW TOGETHER"

Small Groups are still open to join! Please review all small groups online at gatewaymerced.org for more information!

YOUNG LIFE ROUNDUP ~ FUND RAISING BANQUET // OCT 6 @ 6PM

The Young Life ROUNDUP is this Thursday, October 6th, @ 6PM here at Gateway. They will be celebrating the mission of Young Life together with dinner, entertainment, and stories of Young Life kids from around Merced County. Come as you are, bring a friend and enjoy a memorable night with us! No charge for this event, but RSVP is needed: mercedcounty.younglife.org

RIGHTNOW MEDIA // FREE RESOURCE

We are proud to offer a free, customizable video library to equip families, resource groups, and develop leaders. Choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos for children, and over 20,000 biblical videos just for you. To sign up and get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin and mark RightNow Media or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

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

Investigating Jesus - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 10-2-22

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 most prized possession growing up?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Luke 16:1-15, 19-31 - Being Wise Stewards

DIGGING DEEPER: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Read Luke 16:10-15 together. Sunday's message by Pastor Mark was about stewardship, money, talents, etc. The Holman Bible translation renders vs 15 as "for what is highly admired by people is revolting in God's sight." Think about what things you prize most that God might have you deny to yourself? Why would He want that for you?
2. Read 1John 2:15-17 about the three categories of sin, described as loves/lusts for the world. Discuss together what these sins are?
3. Why would John say if you have this "love of the world" you don't have love for the Father? Is this a hard saying to apply in our culture?
4. How do you make sure your love of the Father is paramount in your daily life? What does a believer need to focus on to be sure of this? In his time? Talents? Treasures? Testimony?
5. How do you distinguish between enjoying what God has provided and having an ungodly desire for those things?
6. Do you have any last thoughts about what you have been valuing ahead of God?

APPLY IT TODAY:

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember ? Why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?

Communication/Prayer Request Card
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

October 2, 2022

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

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? _____

