

# WELCOME

October 9, 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](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person & Live on YouTube (10AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://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](http://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](http://gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2)

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### MEET AND GREET // TODAY

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' TODAY 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!

### BAPTISM CLASS // NEXT SUN., OCT. 16

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family member join us Sun., Oct. 16 after the service in A4&5. If you are unable to attend please fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283. Baptisms will be celebrated on Sunday, October 30.

### YOUTH BREAKFAST BURRITO FUNDRAISER // SUN, OCT 16

Next Sunday Oct. 16 after service, our youth will be selling breakfast burritos to raise money for our camps fund. A burrito, cookie and lemonade will be available for a suggested donation of \$5. Thanks so much for your support of our youth!

### 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](http://gatewaymerced.org/fall-fest).

### SMALL GROUPS // "BOND TOGETHER/GROW TOGETHER"

Small Groups are still open to join! Please review all small groups online at [gatewaymerced.org](http://gatewaymerced.org) for more information!

### 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](mailto: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 10-9-22

**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:**

Do you have memories you wish you could forget? If you feel free to, talk about what they are and why you want to forget them?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

Luke 17:1-19 - Forgiving By Faith

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

1. What are the first words that come to mind when you hear Forgiveness? What are the first words that come to mind when you hear Repentance?
2. Read aloud Matthew 18:21-35. How important is forgiveness for a believer? What is Jesus telling you about being His disciple in this area?
3. Think about a time you needed to forgive others(a spouse, boss, friend, etc.). How did you work through that process? What hindered you? Why did/do you nurse the unforgiveness?
4. Pastor Al preached on this topic Sunday from Luke 17:1-9. What do the disciples apparently see as a key to forgiveness in vs. 5? Why would this be needed in forgiveness? How much does your faith need to grow?
5. Have you ever experienced a time where your unforgiveness caused physical, social or mental issues within you? In what ways could being obedient to Jesus' words here impact your long term health?
6. Read vs. 6-10. What does moving a mulberry tree have to do with forgiveness? What is your takeaway from Jesus' story here?
7. What are the emotions stirred within you about today's topic? Is there anything you need to do or anyone you need to speak with to apply what we've learned today?

**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.

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've been here a few times
- I attend here often  I'm a member

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_

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