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March 10, 2024

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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

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SUNDAY SERVICE - 8:30AM & 10:15AM

Join us in person at: 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 8AM & 9:45AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 6 wks Kinder | Preschool Wing
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4



Or LIVE on our YouTube Channel

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- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
- Check out the available small groups
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CIY YOUTH CAMPS FUNDRAISER TODAY

Our youth will be selling breakfast burritos after both services to raise money for the cost of CIY Camps this summer. Please stop by and support them if you can. Cost \$8 includes burrito & drink. We appreciate our Gateway family!

SMALL GROUP | " LEADERS MIX" DESSERT NIGHT | MARCH 11

Please join us as a small group leader/teacher for planning post-Easter and also for the Fall...and for some special desserts! We'll meet at Carrie Alexander's house Tomorrow, March 11 at 7PM. Please RSVP to Pastor Kevin: kborges@gatewaymerced.org so we have our dessert numbers accurate! Thank you!

FAMILY CAMP @ HARTLAND CHRISTIAN

Gateway Church invites you to attend family camp at Hartland Christian Camp over Memorial Day weekend. The camp will be from May 24th - 27th. Come enjoy fellowship with other families, good food, fun camp activities, and great worship and family chapels! We would love for you to join! Stop by the table in the lobby for more information or sign up via QR code so we can send you more info.



UGANDA TEAM UPDATE

April 11-23, Pastor Kevin will be travelling to Uganda Africa in order to support a specific ministry, Shared Love Uganda and their director Moses Ssebaggala. We have supported this ministry before as a church and this trip allows him to review how we can lead a team there in the future. Please keep in mind the following for your prayer time if you would like to support this trip in any amount financially: Check donations: write "Uganda" on the check; Online donations: scan the QR code or visit gatewaymerced.org; Text donations: send any amount followed by "Uganda" to 84321 (e.g. \$10 Uganda).

SERVE ON EASTER! | MARCH 31ST

From bringing smiles to families with some yummy donuts, to helping kids hear the gospel message, to using your talents in music to usher us into His presence, there is a place for you to serve this day! Sign up now by scanning the QR code.



Contact Me About:

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29TH | 7PM EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31ST | 8:30AM OR 10:15AM

The Gospel proclaimed, lives forever changed...be a part of these powerful events, held to remember what was done on the cross for our sins and the final gift of life resurrected in Christ! *Invites available at the tables to invite your friends and family.

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Series: Anchored... - Gateway Groups, Merced <u>"Bond Together/Grow Together"</u> // For the week of 3-10-24

FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

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:

Were you ever given or surprised by a gift that was unexpected and undeserved? What was it and how did it make you feel the rest of that day?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 5:12-21

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)

Read over Romans 5:12-21

- 1. How do you interpret the writing of Paul here, regarding law and death in vrs 12-14? What questions do you have and what is their relationship?
- 2. When was the very first time you recognized you were sinning? How important is this to understand in relation to this passage?
- 3. How many times is the word "gift" listed in vrs. 15-17 and what is your context or understanding of why Paul uses this word?
- 4. How often is the word grace used in vrs. 15-21?
- 5. What is the relationship of gifts and grace in this passage?
- 6. Have you ever heard this phrase that defines grace, "God's giving you what you don't deserve(heaven), and not giving you what you do deserve(eternal separation from God)? How does this reality impact how you'll live?
- 7. What role does grace have for your security in Jesus and how does that work? Review vs. 20-21 to find great peace about this.

APPLY IT TODAY:

What was most important for you to remember today and why?

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