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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

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

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

- Corporate Prayer | 8AM & 10AM | 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

NEW TO CHURCH?

Go to our Guest Center for next steps or scan QR code to fill out our connection card



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- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
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101: LOVING GOD CLASS | BEGINS MAY 19TH | 4 WEEKS

Discover the Christian Life class starting soon...Whether you've been following Jesus for a long time or are a newer Christian, we encourage you to sign up for our brand new 101 class looking at what the Bible says about how we are to love God with our lives. We'll cover the basics about our purpose, the Bible, prayer and the church along with some resources for application and deeper study.

END OF SCHOOL BASH FOR YOUTH | THIS FRIDAY 7-11PM

All students (current 6-12th graders) are invited to join us for our annual end of the school year party for fun, games, prizes, snow cones and the return of Xtreme Bingo! Visit gatewaymerced.org/youth for details. Contact Pastor Isaac at iparra@gatewaymerced.org for guestions. Join us for a fun-filled night!

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. Everyone who is truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desires to live in obedience to Him, is invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

GATEWAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 16TH ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is for kids entering Kinder through 6th grade. Nine weeks (reg by week). Full day camp 7:30AM-5:30PM. Spots are filling up and you do not want your kiddos to miss out! If you are interested in sending your kids to Summer Camp, Contact: ksinger@gatewaymerced.org or bschwesinger@gatewaymerced.org

ALPHA PHC | GOLF 4 LIFE FUNDRAISER | MAY 13TH

You're invited to join Alpha Golf 4 Life Fundraiser @ The Golf Club at Copper Valley in Copperopolis on Mon, May 13. Enjoy a day of golf. No entry fee just ask your friends to support you as you Golf 4 Life! For more info visit alphaphc.com/events or contact Julie at (209) 383-4700 or julie@alpha.com to reserve your spot today.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA | FREE RESOURCE

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Baptism Becoming a Follower Church Membership

Contact Me About:

I'm new to Gateway:

1st Visit

I've been here 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? Best Contact Phone: I attend here often Change I'm a member

Series: Anchored... - Gateway Groups, Merced <u>"Bond Together/Grow Together"</u> // For the week of 5-12-24

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:

When was a time when someone hurt you so bad you "repaid" them back? How did it make you feel at that time?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 12 - Living in Faith

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)
Read Romans 12:9-21 together in the New Living Translation

- 1. What stands out to you from the NLT version that is helpful due to the language used? Which key words or phrases are most impactful?
- 2. How can a Christian learn to love others as God loves them?
- 3. Have you ever experienced how one hated evil yet did not hate the evildoer(vs. 17)? Share how this impacted you.
- 4. Explain what genuine love is defined as according to 12:9, 13, 18-21. In light of evil(vs. 17), how are you to live at peace with everyone(vs. 18)?(Use "I, me, my" statements...not "we, us, them")
- 5. How does doing good to an enemy overcome evil(vs. 21)?
- 6. These are really difficult passages to many people. How about you? Do you find them easy to carry out, or difficult, and why?
- 7. Whom do you need to love and bless this week even though he or she has hurt or hurts you?

APPLY IT TODAY:

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

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