

WELCOME

June 11, 2023

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // *Instagram @inspiregateway*
- Catalyst High School // gatewaymerced.org/youth
- Crossroads Middle School // gatewaymerced.org/youth

SMALL GROUPS

Sign up for a small group online today! Scan the QR Code to find a group today! Groups for men, women, couples, finances, young adults, etc.



Scan to Connect

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GATEWAY NEWS |

GATEWAY SUMMER CAMP // WE HAVE A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

Summer camp runs Mon-Fri from 7:30AM-5:30PM. Cost is \$125 per week. Email Brandy at bschwesinger@gatewaymerced.org to check availability.

GATEWAY'S 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY // JULY 30TH!

Mark your Calendars for our big event: Gateway's 40-Year Anniversary on July 30th! Celebrate how the Lord is our Banner through our 40 years of ministry. More details to come.

GATEWAY COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

If you are attending a Christian College/University, (either in person or online) for the 2023-2024 school year, you may be eligible to receive a grant. Deadline to apply is June 15. Applications are available online at our website gatewaymerced.org/give.

WORSHIP PLAYLIST

Need encouragement throughout the week? Check out Gateway's YouTube worship playlist! This is meant to strengthen your faith, allow you to spend time with God, and ultimately to worship Him because He is most worthy to be praised. Enjoy! www.gatewaymerced.org

CHURCH CENTER // STAY CONNECTED

Download our church app on your phone! Make it easier by setting up recurring monthly or one-time payments for tithes or offerings. Check out our other features such as finding a small group, event registrations, and so much more! Sign up today at gatewaymerced.churchcenter.com/home

ATTENTION ADVENTURERS!

If you have an interest or hobby that you are willing to include others on, we would like to hear from you. We would like to line up some summer connecting groups and looking for people who are willing to line up an activity and invite others-motorcycle run, painting, sports activity, disc golf, the ideas are endless. We want to provide a summer list and would like to include your activity. Fill out the Communication card and let us know your idea.

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
- Infant/Kindergarten
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Elementary/Preteen
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/Young Adults
- Discover Serving
- Small Groups

Area of Interest:

Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

Foundations - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 6-11-23

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:**

Describe a time when you were most anxious, and how that anxiety impacted you or helped your situation.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Philippians 4:4-7

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

1. When it comes to prayer, who have been the people in your life who you find to be prayer "warriors"? Why is that or what disciplines made them that way?

Read Philippians 4:4-7 together

2. What are the things Paul tells us to do, specifically, in these verses?
3. What is it that will result from our "doing" these things?
4. What are the hurdles in life to keep us from rejoicing always(vs. 4)?
5. Discuss why Paul would tell us to rejoice in the Lord and how rejoicing helps us move towards God in prayer.
6. If you are an anxious or fearful person, how would praying help you? How would thanksgiving be a part of this, as Paul states in vs. 6?
7. Have you ever experienced God's peace when in an anxious time (vs. 7)? Did you have a specific prayer time which included thanksgiving in order to walk through that season?
8. Think about how God is always with us. How can you keep Him at the front of your thought life and prayers better, in the coming weeks and how will this exercise help you become more at peace with Him and your circumstances(vs. 7)?

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?

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: 1st Visit I've been here a few times I attend here often I'm a member

If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? _____

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