

WELCOME

July 16, 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 |

BAPTISMS // SUNDAY, JULY 30

If you would like to speak about baptism for yourself or a family join us TODAY in Room A4&5 after the service. If you are unable to attend the class fill out the communication card or call the office at (209) 723-4283.

*Grades 1-5 will meet in the Elementary Area with Ms. Kendra.

*Ages 4-Kindergarten will meet in the Children's Area with Ms. Alisa.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT AT GATEWAY! // THIS TUESDAY // 7PM

Doors open 6:30PM | Movie starts 7PM | Gateway Worship Center
Our women's ministry will be hosting a Summer movie night featuring Jesus Revolution! Movie is rated PG-13, so we suggest ages 13+ due to drug content shown. Don't forget to bring some movie snacks for the full experience! Please RSVP at gatewaymerced.org/events.

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.

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATES

Curious about the status of the search process? Want to know how you can pray for specific needs along the way? Do you need to communicate with our Search Team? This website has been created to communicate all of the above and to make it easy for the Gateway family to connect with the team. Check in often, read about upcoming meetings, projects, and eventually Senior Pastor candidate visits. The site is: gatewaymerced.org/seniorpastorsearch

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.

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

I AM - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 7-16-23

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:**

How do you feel in the dark? Do you enjoy it? What about at night with no stars or moon?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

"God's Holiness Transferred to Us" - 1 John 3:2

DIGGING DEEPER:

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

One picture of God's holiness is light. Nothing else we can see seems purer.

1. Read aloud 1 John 1:5. Consider this might be a metaphoric statement. What truths are expressed by the words "God is light?"
2. Read aloud Ephesians 5:8. How can there be a difference between being light and walking in the light?
3. Read aloud Colossians 1:12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:5. What is the difference of emphasis between saints of light and sons of light?
4. John 1:8 says that John the baptist was not the light. If he was not, why are we light?
5. Read aloud John 3:20. What choice does God give humans and what emotion blocks the right choice?
6. In John 3:19 why do they love darkness?

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?

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JULY 16, 2023

I AM



Communication/Prayer Request Card

July 16, 2023

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____ Change in Contact Info

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____ Apt: _____

Address: _____ 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? _____