

WELCOME

July 3, 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

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
- Gateway Students Summer Schedule: gatewaymerced.org/youth

GET CONNECTED:

gatewaymerced.org/getconnected-2

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GATEWAY NEWS |

4TH OF JULY // OFFICE CLOSED

Happy 4th of July! The church office will be closed tomorrow (7/4) in observance of Independence Day.

VOLUNTEER OPPROUTNITY // DO YOU ENJOY BAKING?

If you enjoy baking this ministry may be for you! We have lots of meetings that happen around Gateway and we could use your help providing a dessert or finger food for some of them. Please let us know on the communication card if interested or contact Jen Parra at JDGhimenti@aol.com. Thank you!

SHARE YOUR STORY // WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Share a God moment! We want to see glimpses of His glory through your story! Go to gatewaymerced.org/stories and share your story! "...make known his deeds among the peoples!" 1 Chronicles 16:8

10AM SERVICE REMINDER

Through the end of August we will be having one service at 10AM. Our livestream time will also change and be held at 10AM.

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.

TEXT TO GIVE

You can give to Gateway using your mobile phone! Give instantly from your credit/debit card/ApplePay with a single text message. Text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. Or you can give online at gatewaymerced.org/give.

GATEWAY YOUTUBE

Help us reach 1000 subscribers by subscribing to our YouTube page Gateway Community Church Merced.

GATEWAY'S DAILY PRAYERS

To receive the Daily Prayers via email call the Church office at 723-4283 or email 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 7-3-22

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:**

What do you think of people who just put security signs or stickers outside their home or business but do not have an actual security alarm? Is this wise and is this how you would guard your most valued possessions?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 8:1-21

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

Read aloud together Proverbs 4:18-27

1. What type of theme or big idea can you take away from this passage?
2. In verses 18-19, discuss the result of living in the light as opposed to following the way of darkness.
3. Discuss why the author focuses on the heart and why he emphasizes its importance in verses 21-23.
4. Does society at large "guard their heart"? What is the way a believer should "guard their heart" and what would be the result of an unguarded heart?
5. Look at each verse in 24-27 and give the practical ways from each verse we let our heart be unguarded. (Mouth, lips, eyes, feet)
6. How easy is it for you to guard your heart in today's world? What are the reasons for that? How will you apply these truths in your life this week?

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: 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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