

# WELCOME

August 20, 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

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## SUNDAY SERVICE - 10AM

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

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



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# EVENTS

## FREE FAMILY GAME NIGHT / THIS FRIDAY / 6:30-8:30PM

Back to school blessing & Family Game Night (8/25). Hosted by Gateway Children's Ministry & Gateway Youth. Fun for all ages! Jesus is with us in the twists and turns! He will make our paths straight. Lots of giveaways. See your family then! Psalm 25:4

## YOUTH GROUPS BACK FOR THE FALL

HS Catalyst will be meeting Sundays 7-8:45PM in the gym starting tonight. Anyone 9-12th grade is welcome! MS Crossroads will be meeting Tuesdays 7-8:30PM in the Gym starting this Tuesday (8/22). Anyone 6-8th grade is welcome! Free pizza will be available each night along with other snacks and drinks for sale (\$1). We hope lots of students will join us for fun, connection, learning & small groups each and every week!

## GUEST SPEAKER NEXT WEEK: ZEKE NELSON

We welcome Zeke Nelson and his family next Sunday (8/27) to preach for us. Zeke was a church planter in Livingston and Delhi that Gateway supported for several years. He and his family have been part of the Gateway family for many years. Over the last 4 years, Zeke has been leading a church in Belgium. We are excited to hear from him and hope you will be able to join us in welcoming him and his family back.

## HOST LEADER REVEAL NIGHT / MON, AUG 28 / 7PM

Sept. 17-Oct 27 we will have the incredible opportunity to take Gateway Community Church through a special small group Bible Study. "Engaging Culture: How Your Faith Can Restore a Broken World" will help our church learn more about how to engage the culture we live in with effectiveness and intentionality. If you are interested in learning more, please sign up today! We will have a special "Reveal" Dessert night Mon, Aug 28 at 7PM in order to provide every Host/Leader/Teacher with the necessary tools and direction to best facilitate their group. Sign up today through your bulletin or email us at: info@gatewaymerced.org.

## DRIVERS NEEDED!

We have mentioned the need for additional drivers for our church van (normal license qualifies). We still need more drivers so we can schedule drivers once a month to help people get to church. However, we also need people willing to Drive to local doctor appointments. We have had a couple request from **people who needed a ride to an appointment**. If you are willing to be on a list of those willing to drive if available, please let us know by calling the Church Office at (209) 723-4283.

## 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.

### 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

## UNCOMMON - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 8-20-23*

### 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:

What activities do you enjoy doing along with other people? Why? What activities do you like doing by yourself? Why?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Ephesians 5:21-33

### DIGGING DEEPER:

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

Read Ephesians 5:21-33 together

1. What words are used to describe the attitude of a relationship between a husband and a wife? Are there any that are hard to understand?
2. How many verses speak to the wife's responsibility as opposed to the husband's responsibilities in the context of marriage?
3. Is there a specific teaching here that may get abused? Is there one that is not understood clearly today and misinterpreted?
4. Why would Paul use the church and Jesus as an example(vs 23-27) to relate within the context of marriage? Discuss how this matters today.
5. Vs 33 seems to convey that a wife is to love her husband differently than a husband is to love his wife. Does this make sense? Why the differences?
6. What do you learn about God from this text on marriage?
7. What does an unbelieving world think of this teaching? Have you ever had conversations about marriage and the Bible with others? What do they say?
8. What questions about today's study have you gotten answers to or not?

### 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

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- I'm new to Gateway:  1<sup>st</sup> Visit  I attend here often  I'm a member  
 I've been here a few times

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_

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