

WELCOME

August 28, 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
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

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GATEWAY NEWS |

COMMUNION // TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. 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.

SMALL GROUPS SIGN UPS WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 4!

Looking for a way to be in Bible study and in relationship with others? Our Small Groups vision is that we Bond Together relationally and Grow Together Spiritually - Bond Together/Grow Together. Look for the sign up table soon or also go online to the Gateway "Get Connected" page to sign up for a small group! The variety of groups will range from Marriage, Men, Women, Finances, Sermon Based Groups, Bible Book focused groups and more! Find your group today at gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS - INSPIRE // THIS THURSDAY 9/1

Join us this Thursday night, Sept. 1 in the GYM at 8PM as we begin the school year schedule. This Thursday is our "Hot and Cold Night" - Wings and Ice Cream provided!! INSPIRE happens weekly and is for anyone seeking to know more about Jesus in Truth, Love and Community - TLC.

FIT (FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM) LUNCHEON TRAINING // SEPT. 11

We will be having a Luncheon/Training after Sunday's service on Sept. 11 at 11:30AM. We will be meeting in A/4-5 to review each of the areas of our ministry and how we are best working to make Sunday's service be incredible from the Greeters to the Ushers and Refreshments and Guest Center....not to mention our Safety Team! If you have been trying to find your ministry, email Pastor Kevin at kborges@gatewaymerced.org and share how you would like more information on being a part of the FIT Team!

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.

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- 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 8-28-22

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:**

Think about the scariest carnival rides. Do you do them? Do you worry that they might fall apart or malfunction? Why do you ride them?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Read aloud Luke 12:1-34 - God's Got This!

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

1. Read aloud Proverbs 3:1-12. In verses 1-4 what are we being called to do and what are the promises related to those actions? Your experience?
2. In verses 5 and 6, again what actions are you called to and what are God's related promises? Speak of your experience related to these truths.
3. In verses 7-10 what direction and promises are spoken of? What are the ways you can personalize these in your life?
4. In verses 11 and 12, the Proverb writer addresses being under God's discipline. Can you speak of how this has been a part of your life and were you able to come to feel God's delight in you through it all?
5. In the Luke passage, focus on verses 11 and 12. It is not likely that we in America will be brought to a court trial based on us being Christians, but the world has us on trial. Talk about the confidence these two verses can give you facing scrutiny and attack in the public square.

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.

August 28, 2022

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

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

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

