

WELCOME

September 25, 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 // *Join us at First Assembly of God Church

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 // "BOND TOGETHER/GROW TOGETHER"

Small Groups are still open to join! Please review all small groups online at gatewaymerced.org for more information!

MEET AND GREET // OCTOBER 9

Are you new to Gateway and/or would like to get plugged into our church? Come and meet some of our Gateway staff and members at our 'Meet N Greet' on October 10 after the service in C6. We'd LOVE to get to know you, welcome you, and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss out!

HIGH SCHOOL & JR HIGH STUDENTS // YOU'RE INVITED...

See You At the Pole Rally is happening Tuesday night, 6:30-8PM! Students will be hanging out, playing games, worshipping God and hearing a message at Merced First Assembly of God Church in preparation for the next day of prayer at the flagpoles. All students are welcome! *NO Crossroads MS youth due to our attending this.*

YOUNG LIFE ROUNDUP ~ FUND RAISING BANQUET // OCT 6 @ 6PM

The Young Life ROUNDUP is on Thursday, October 6th, @ 6PM here at Gateway. They will be celebrating the mission of Young Life together with dinner, entertainment, and stories of Young Life kids from around Merced County. Come as you are, bring a friend and enjoy a memorable night with us! No charge for this event, but RSVP is needed: mercedcounty.younglife.org

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:

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- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Kid's Ministries
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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 9-25-22

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:**

Who are the people in your life who inspired you to make right choices by how they made choices? What inspired you about them?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 15:1-32 God Seeks Us

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

1. Pastor Al preached that the way we treat those around us is impacted by how we view God and His attributes or character. Do you agree with this?
2. Before reading any scriptures, describe how you have come to know the attributes or character of God. Was it all from the Bible or other people or books, etc.?
3. Read 1Timothy 1:17 and find the words that point to Jesus' character. How do these attributes contribute to how you live out your faith in God?
4. What character traits does God possess in these verses - John 3:16, Ephesians 2:4-10, Psalm 9:7-8? Describe the ways you should imitate God's character as it relates to unbelievers around you based on these verses?
5. What does 2 Peter 3:9 teach us about how God views unrepentant people? How does this character trait or attribute fit how you see the unrepentant?
6. Who are the people that are hardest for you to show God's character to? How do you break through that? How can focusing on God's character and attributes contribute to loving the unrepentant as He does?

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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