

Today we have the special privilege of ordaining Merlin and Chenaniah Perumalla to be ministers of the word and sacraments in our denomination. They are serving in the Livingston area, reaching the East Indian population for Christ. Please join us in promising our prayerful encouragement and support; and congratulations, Merlin and Kenny!

MERCED'S COMMUNITY NIGHT OF PRAYER

Join our Merced community on Gateway's FB Live (TONIGHT at 5PM) as we pray for our healthcare system, revival, physical rain and government! Let's come together and surrender our requests to the One who is in control! facebook.com/gatewaymerced/live/

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS - INSPIRE

Join us Thursday nights at 8PM in the Gym area for INSPIRE, our College and Young Adult's ministry. If you are looking for a place to unwind and grow with others make Thursday nights a priority to join us as we study the book of James.

THURSDAY NIGHT PRAYERS

Join us for weekly prayer nights every Thursday at 6:30PM via Zoom. Zoom link provided at gatewaymerced.org/events. If you want to come to be prayed for, come. If you want to pray for others, come.

SMALL GROUPS - BOND TOGETHER/GROW TOGETHER!

The time to sign up for a Small Group is now! Go online today and review our groups at gatewaymerced.org to find the best fit for you! Whether it be a Sermon Based Study, Book of the Bible, or a topically based study, we have many options available.

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1/31/21 - Speakers: Joel Renkema & Al Schaap
2 Timothy "Think 4!" (Part 4: 2 Timothy 3:10-4:22)

Key Mission for us from Jesus: Matthew 28:18-20
 Key Strategy for us from Paul: 2 Timothy 2:2

"Think 4!" - 4 Generations

- **Gen #1 - all our Spiritual Ancestors: Paul, Lois, Eunice, our spiritual heritage/ancestors**
- **Gen #2 - Timothy, you & me**
- **Gens #3 & 4: those we train & those our trainees train**

"Great disciple-makers _____ . Bad ones don't. It's that simple." (Spence, last week)

"Great disciple-makers _____ on _____ . Bad ones don't." 2 Timothy 3:10-17

⇒ **"...continue in what you have learned and become convinced of..." by:**

- **Looking at the _____ who look at _____ . Watch the lifestyles of your Godly mentors. How do they follow Jesus, even during opposition/suffering?**
- **Looking at _____ breathed out by The Spirit of Jesus. This is the central tool for discipling/building your life and the lives of your G3s and G4s by:**
 - o **Teaching**
 - o **Rebuking**
 - o **Correcting**
 - o **Training in righteousness****That will get you and your G3s ready for anything God calls you to do for Him!**

⇒ **The Charge (4:1-2)**

⇒ **The Challenge (4:3-4)**

⇒ **The Opportunity (4:5)**

⇒ **Concluding comments (4:9-22)**

- ___ I would like to be disciplined/mentored.
- ___ I am interested in being a discipler/mentor.
- ___ I'm interested in helping coordinate this work.

Key: point people to Jesus; base their lives, God's Word; people, Jesus; The Word; prepared, patiently & carefull

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THINK 4!

4-WEEK SERIES ON 2 TIMOTHY: GENERATIONAL TEACHING

JANUARY 31ST, 2021

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 1-31-2021

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

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY (related to the topic taught):** Think about a job you have done. Was there a manual or document you needed to study or understand in order to do the work you are doing? What was it and how important was it?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: 2Timothy 3:10-4:8

DIGGING DEEPER: 2Timothy 3:14-17

(Review this weeks passage and discuss some deeper questions related to it)

1. Paul tells Timothy, in vs 14, to "Continue in what you have learned". What reason does Paul give for Timothy to continue in what he had learned and which people would you say Paul is referring to in vs 14b? (Hint: 2Timothy 1:5) Why is it so important we remember what we have learned and the people who taught us?
2. Pastor Al mentioned the importance of God's Word in discipleship. How does Paul communicate this importance in vs 15-16?
3. When Paul says "all Scripture is God breathed" what type of picture comes to your mind with the Holy Bible? Discuss what reading or studying or listening to the Bible with this view has done for your spiritual growth.
4. The words in vs 16 related to our use of the Bible are clear. "Teaching, Rebuking, Correcting, and Training in righteousness". Have a discussion on what this means practically. Use these words to help in your discussion: Teaching: Instruction in truth and sound doctrine - Rebuke: Giving conviction - Correction: Restoration to uprightness - Training in righteousness: Growing you up to what you should be . Would anyone like to share a time where one of these was done in your life?
5. The Bible says those who use the Bible these ways will be "thoroughly equipped"? What area in your life do you want to grow in this year? Share with your group your history of spiritual growth. How have you grown? Are you working toward being "thoroughly equipped" still? Discuss

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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I'm new to Gateway: 1st Visit I attend here often I'm a member

I've been here a few times

January 31, 2021

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