WELCOME

February 14, 2021

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

SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // 9AM // In Person & Live on YouTube www.gatewaymerced.org // *Past messages are available
- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- 1st 5th Grade // 9AM // Rooms D1 D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

• Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

- Prayer Nights Zoom // 6:30PM // www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups

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GATEWAY NEWS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS // PRESIDENTS' DAY

The church office will be CLOSED tomorrow February 15TH.

MEET AND GREET // TODAY

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' TODAY 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!

YOU'RE INVITED TO PRETEEN EXTREME (4/5TH GRADE) // TOMORROW // 4-7:30PM // ST. CENTER

Preteens will make their own personal heart shaped pizza, learn about *loving others*. Join us for tons of fun, pizza, and games! For more information email Kendra at ksinger@gatewaymerced.org.

YOU'RE INVITED TO GEMS // 1ST-5TH GRADE GIRLS // FEB. 17TH

A special club designed for girls that meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the St. Center. At GEMS we are making new friends, earning badges, crafting, worshiping, making food, doing events, missions projects, having fun and friendships while getting answers to challenges girls face today. For more information email ksinger@gatewaymerced.org. *COVID practices being observed

YOU'RE INVITED TO SO & SO (SERVING ONE & SERVING OTHERS)// 1ST-5TH GRADE BOYS HANGOUT // 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY

Friends, Food, Fun and Faith. Join us Feb. 24TH from 5:30-7:30PM in the St. Center at Gateway. For more information email Kendra at ksinger@gatewaymerced.org. *COVID practices being observed

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. Please fill out the communication card in this bulletin and mark *RightNow Media* to get started!

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If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? I've been here a few times Best Contact Phone: I attend here often Birthdate Change in Contact Info I'm a member

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 2-14-2021

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.

OUICK REVIEW

Request

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): If you have ever had a car or bike or even yourself stuck in the mud, tell your story. How did you get out? Did you need help? Where was it?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Psalm 51

DIGGING DEEPER: Read Psalm 32 together

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

- 1. It is possible David wrote this after reflecting upon his sin with Bathsheba (2Samuel 11) and in view of his life before confessing his sin. Discuss how David speaks about forgiveness, physical health, and God's favor here in vs. 1-7?
- 2. What verse in this chapter speaks most to you, personally, regarding this subject of forgiveness?
- 3. David says to avoid being like the mule or horse....so stubborn and "without understanding". Why is it so important to confess our sins and what results of unconfessed sin have you seen in your life and in society and our culture?
- 4. Would anyone want to describe what it is like to have times of refreshing come to you when your walk and relationship with God is right? When sin is confessed? When restoration has been applied?
- 5. Review vs 10-11. What is the hope these verses presented in these verses?

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?

