

WELCOME

February 21, 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
*Past messages are available // www.gatewaymerced.org
- 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

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER // MARCH 7TH AT 5PM

Join us on Facebook live or Zoom details on events page of website <https://gatewaymerced.org/events>.

ALPHA DRIVE-THRU BBQ // FRI. MARCH 5TH FROM 5-6:30PM

Alpha PHC is holding a drive-thru BBQ with a mouth-watering, large portion menu. Simply drive up (First Baptist Church 500 Buena Vista Drive - in back parking lot), give your name and drive off with a delicious home-cooked meal. Dinners are \$20 and must be pre-paid; no tickets required. Reserve your dinner by 2/26 by calling 383.4700 or online at <https://alphaphc.com>.

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.

HAVE YOU BEEN HEARD? // CRC DENOMINATIONAL SURVEY

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2021 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/1826 to answer the survey questions by March 31.

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 get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin and mark *RightNow Media* or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

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Baptism
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 Church Membership

Comments, Prayer Requests:

Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

SUNDAYS 9AM
FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

LOVING GOD WITH ALL OF ME

4-WEEK SERIES ON LOVING GOD & OTHERS WITH
ALL OF OUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND STRENGTH

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 2-21-2021

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:** Think back to when you were younger. What was something you changed your mind about after you realized you had been wrong? Maybe it was something serious, or funny, or just a new revelation.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 8:5-17, Proverbs 1:7 (Loving the Lord your God with all your....mind)

DIGGING DEEPER: Read Matthew 16:21-23

1. Why do you think Peter thought he knew more than Jesus?
2. Can you describe a time where you found yourself thinking you knew better than God what was good for you? This may have occurred without even realizing you hadn't "consulted" with God on it. Explain
3. How did Jesus deal with Peter? (vs 23) How does He deal with you when you need to have your thinking fixed?

Now let's fast forward to look at Peter after some maturity and time had passed.

Read Acts 10:9-21, 27-29

1. Peter kind of argued with God in vs 14, didn't he? What is the difference to Peter's response this time, as opposed to when he told Jesus what to do in Matthew 16? Is there a new character strength Peter displays?
2. When was a time in your life where you realized what you saw or thought about the Bible, Jesus, or Christianity needed to change because of your new understanding and spiritual growth? Think back and remember.
3. When confronted with being wrong about a belief, are you willing to face it, admit it, and turn from it?
4. Pastor Al preached on Loving the Lord our God with all our "mind", this week. Do you see the connection to how we do this by aligning our thinking as we grow spiritually, to God's Word and the Holy Spirit's work in showing us where to change?

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? Like Peter, are you now looking and responding to Jesus differently than when you were younger in the faith?

Communication/Prayer Request Card

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Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____ City: _____

- 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? _____