WELCOME

February 28, 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

COMMUNITY PRAYER // MARCH 7TH AT 5PM

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

GATEWAY COUNSELING AND CARE

Our souls need to be connected to God, if you're struggling for this connection, need to talk to someone or would like to grow in your walk with God, we have sources available. Go to gatewaymerced.org/care to get connected to a mentor for spiritual, emotional and/or mental care. If you'd like professional counseling, please email kdunham@gatewaymerced.org or gatewaymerced.org/family-concern-counseling, and we'll reach out to you to get you the help you need.

DO YOU LOVE SERVING?

Come and serve on the Usher Team. You will be working with some amazing people to ensure that people feel welcomed on Sunday mornings and find a seat in the service. If interested please note it on the communication card or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

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 Christian Reformed Church 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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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 in Contact I'm a member

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 2-28-2021

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

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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: What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of someone who didn't follow through on their word?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 12:30-31, Romans 12:6-9(Loving the Lord your God with all your....strength)

DIGGING DEEPER: James 2:14-22, Matthew 25:44-45

- 1. Read James 2:14-22 together. How would you phrase the main point of these verses?
- 2. Discuss how loving God with all our strength and having faith which produces works, relate to each other.
- 3. Pastor Kevin talked about an Olympic Decathlete needing to have his heart, soul, mind and strength involved in the training for the events. How does James 2:20-22 reflect this idea for you?
- 4. According to Matthew 25:44-45, what does Jesus say to each of us about loving Him?

Can you describe the easiest part of our theme today for you, personally? What is the hardest part of this for you?

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?

