GATEWAY **NEWS**

MEET AND GREET

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 Feb 14th at 10:15AM 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 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, worshipping, making food, doing events, missions projects, having fun and friendships while getting answers to challenges girls face today. Register by emailing ksinger@gatewaymerced.org
*COVID practices being observed

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!

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.

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!

SERMONS ONLINE

Past messages are available online via our website gatewaymerced.org

SERMON NOTES

2/7/21 - Speaker: Kevin Borges Series: "Loving God with ALL of Me - the Loves of a Christ-Follower" Week 1 - "Loving God With All Our Heart" - Deuteronomy 6:1-7, 13 The <i>Heart</i> is defined as- "The of thought and"	☐ College/Young Adults	
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Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 2-7-2021

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): Name 1 sports team you are/were most passionate about growing up. Explain how you showed your excitement and enthusiasm for your team.

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Deuteronomy 6:1-7, 13 "Loving God with all our heart" (the seat of thought and emotion, inner man, desires, courage, understanding)

DIGGING DEEPER: Read these - 1Samuel 13:14, 16:7, Acts 13:22 (Review this weeks passage and discuss some deeper questions related to it)

- 1. What do these passages say about the kind of heart God is looking for? Based on the definition of "heart" from Sunday's message, what would you say God is looking for in us?
- 2. What do you know about David? What kind of evidence from scripture revealed his heart? Use these verses to start your discussion 1Sam. 16:18, Psalm 51, 2Samuel 23:3
- 3. Pastor Kevin mentioned how having the fear of the Lord seemed to be a common character strength of those who love God with all their heart. What questions or thoughts do you have about what the fear of the Lord means to you in your life? How do you apply it?
- 4. Review Acts 13:22 again. Paul mentions how God found David and "He will do everything I want him to do." Why would God say that about a man who sinned so greatly?(2Samuel 12:9)
- 5. Why can we relate so easily with David, despite his failures?
- **6.** What are the things hindering you from becoming "a man/woman after God's own heart"?

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? What is God calling you to do with Him or for Him, today? Make a note of it and be that Man or Woman after His heart!

