

WELCOME

March 7, 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

COMPLETE LISTING AT GATEWAYMERCED.ORG

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 |

SENIOR SUNDAY STARTS TODAY // A STUDY FOR 12TH GRADERS

Developing a Biblical foundation that lasts past graduation. Join us today in the Upper Game Room in the Gym from 10:30AM-12PM. Email Isaac Parra at iparra@gatewaymerced.org for more information.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! // DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Friendly reminder to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend.

DIY EASTER WREATH KITS // LIMITED SUPPLY

Easter is coming and we have a gift for you! Reserve your kit by filling out the form at gatewaymerced.org. Limited supply sign up today!

SPRING CLEANUP // SATURDAY, MARCH 27 AT 8AM

Gateway's excited to invite you all to our Spring Cleanup! For those of you who enjoy cleaning flower beds, pruning trees, and planting plants, sign up at gatewaymerced.org/serve and partake in helping beautify our campus!

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 this Wednesday, March 10th from 5:30-7:30PM in the Student Center at Gateway. For more information email Kendra at ksinger@gatewaymerced.org. *COVID practices being observed

DO YOU LOVE SERVING?

Come and serve on the Usher Team. If interested please note it on the communication card or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

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

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Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 3-7-2021

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:** What is one thing that you either tried to persuade someone else of or that someone tried to (or did) persuade you to do?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 27:26-54

DIGGING DEEPER:

Acts 24:24-26

1. What would you say was the motive Felix had in listening to Paul talk about Jesus (vs 26)? Even though Felix is "non-committal" as a skeptic, describe Paul's response to still presenting the gospel?
2. Are there people in your life who seem to be "non-committal" to the gospel? How do you respond to that?

Acts 17:16-19, 29-34 -

Paul's debates in Athens, Greece with the philosophers

1. Describe the scenario of Paul "reasoning" with these philosophers. How would you have this type of discussion with co-workers today?
2. What was the variety of responses Paul experienced (vs 32-34)?
3. What evidence was there that the Holy Spirit was at work with some of those there?
4. How can this study help you in witnessing to your friends or neighbors.....or skeptics?

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? Who is one person who is responding to any of your talk about God, and not rejecting you or Him?

Communication/Prayer Request Card

March 7, 2021

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

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

1st Visit I've been here a few times

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

SUNDAYS 9AM
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