W E L C O M E April 11, 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 & 11 AM // 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 & 11AM // Rooms D1 D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM & 11AM // 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

DISCOVER GATEWAY // A PLACE TO BELONG

You're invited to a three week orientation called Discover Gateway, where you will discover who we are, what we believe and what it means to belong to Gateway Church. This is a great next step in finding the church family God has chosen for you. This class begins April 18, between services, at 10:15-10:55 in Room A4&5. Go online to sign up or fill out a Communication Card and you will be contacted. Hope to see you there.

STUDENT CAMP FUNDRAISER // APRIL 30TH // 5-7PM

Student Ministries is hoping to take 40-50 students to CIY Camps this Summer. We are organizing a dinner pick-up fundraiser to help students with the cost to attend. As with years past, we will be offering Tom Scheidt's Rigatoni (contains meat) along with salad & rolls. Please go to: gatewaymerced.org/youth to pre-purchase your food. We appreciate your partnership in helping get our youth to camp!

GRIEF SHARE // **THURSAYS AT 6:30-8:30PM** // **CHURCH LIBRARY** Our Grief Share Support Group session is now under way. Please know that you are not alone...

LOVE INC RUMMAGE SALE // APRIL 17 // 8AM-3PM

Love INC will be having their Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 17 at Restoration Church 3312 N. G Street in Merced, (@Valley Bible Church) from 8AM to 3PM. Questions? Contact Love Inc. at 383-7034 ext. 140.

DID YOU KNOW WE RECYCLE?

You can recycle your old ink cartridges right here at Gateway. All you have to do is bring the empty cartridges to the church office or the information booth, we will recycle them for you.

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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If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? I'm new to Gateway:

1st Visit

I've been here I've been here a few times Best Contact Phone: attend here often Apt: Birthdate Change in Contact Info I'm a member

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced "Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 4-11-2021

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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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:

Who has stood on the wet sandy beach as the rushing water flowed past your bare feet back into the ocean? What happened under your feet?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Matthew 7:24-27 "Unshakable in the Face of Uncertainty"

- 1. Read out loud Matthew 7:24-27. What does building on a rock mean? How is that done according to this passage? How have you done that in a life storm?
- 2. Read out loud John 16:33. Can you share anything you have learned about conquering fear through knowing that Christ has overcome the world? How has that truth helped you to face the unknown?
- 3. Read out loud Mark 2:1-5. How have friends helped you to trust God? Have you been able to help anyone through uncertainty?
- 4. Read out loud 1 Peter 4:12-13. Peter speaks of a "fiery ordeal." Can you discuss how Christ kept you standing when life became painful and confusing?
- 5. Read 1 Peter 3:15. Whose "front porch" helped you (maybe is helping you now) come to trust Jesus? Who can you invite to your front porch to help them find an unshakable life?

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?

