W E L C O M E April 25, 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 // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)
 *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

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS

COMMUNION TODAY

The communion table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sins. Everyone who is truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desires to live in obedience to Him, is invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

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

Our dinner pick-up fundraiser to help students with the cost to attend CIY Camp is this week! We are offering Tom Scheidt's Rigatoni (contains meat) along with salad & rolls at various sizes/prices: individual - \$10, family (4-6) - \$35 and tray of pasta only (feeds 10) - \$50. Please go to: gatewaymerced.org/youth to pre-purchase your food. To help with planning, **please pre-purchase by Wed., April 28**. We appreciate your partnership in helping get our youth to camp!

WORK AS WORSHIP RETREAT AT GATEWAY // MAY 14 // 8AM-3PM Join us for a one-day LIVE simulcast, at Gateway Community Church, on how to connect your faith and work from leadership experts such as John Maxwell, Louie Giglio, Jon Acuff, Dr. Henry Cloud and many more! Fee of \$50 (lunch provided). Sign up at gatewaymerced.org.

MERCED COMMUNITY NIGHT OF PRAYER // MAY 2ND AT 4:30PM

Community Prayer will be here at Gateway on May 2nd. Join us along with different churches and non profits in our area to pray to our Father as one! For those joining online, go to gatewaymerced.org/events to get zoom link.

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.

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.

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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 4-25-2021

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

April

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 are some immature, childlike habits or actions that simply would not be tolerated if seen in an adult?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 12:2

DIGGING DEEPER: Read Hebrews 5:11-14

Pastor Kevin taught about knowing and doing God's will. Spiritual maturity leads to the knowing and doing of this. Look over this passage to understand more!

- 1. How have you discerned God's will in your life? Discuss
- 2. Read vs 11 again in 3 different translations focusing on the last phrase. How would you phrase the writer's concern in your own words?
- 3. Read vs 12-13 and discuss why the author seems to be frustrated, even upset, at those he is rebuking. How can this challenge you?
- 4. What does a person look like who has become lazy, dull, or sluggish (referring to vs 11) in walking out their faith daily? What should you be **doing** to take steps to make sure you are growing in righteousness?
- **5.** Discuss how this process shows you how to understand God's will?

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?

