

WELCOME

May 2, 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
Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.
- 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 |

MERCED COMMUNITY NIGHT OF PRAYER // TODAY AT 4:30PM

Community Prayer is happening TODAY at Gateway. 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.

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THIS THURSDAY AT NOON

National Day of Prayer event is this Thurs. (5/6) from Noon to 1PM at Bob Hart Square. Now where the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom! 2 Cor. 3:17.

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER'S BABY BOTTLE BLAST

Baby bottle blast starts next week. Bottles can be filled with coins, cash or checks-get other people involved! Bring filled bottles back to church on Father's Day, 6/20. Alpha is a local non-profit licensed medical center that offers FREE SERVICES including: ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, parenting classes, abortion recovery support, peer counseling, baby clothes, diapers, formula and other baby supplies to help women and children and promote a culture of LIFE through Jesus Christ here in Merced County. Alpha is funded solely by donations.

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.

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Kid's Ministries
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Small Groups
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/Young Adults

Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 5-2-2021

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:**

If you were an ambassador of the United States to a hostile, immoral country, what should your behavior be in the face of bribes and threats? Would it be easy to reject or could you fail?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Colossians 3:17, 22-24 "Work as Worship"

DIGGING DEEPER: Read the scripture referenced just above. NOTE: Slavery (vs. 22) is not condoned in Scripture. In fact, Paul suggests a slave should become free the moment they could (1Cor. 7:21); but he is dealing with work situations as they really were. So taking this as a setting for one of the toughest work situations and evaluating all our work situations, what is our instruction?

1. In verse 22, what is the point Paul is making about "Who" is watching us as we work? How does that sit with you? How should that impact us?
2. Verse 23 uses the word for breath of life (soul) and translates it as "heartily" or "from the heart." What does that mean to you?
3. How should knowing we will receive an inheritance (vs 24) from God for our work "done with all your heart" motivate you/us in our work?
4. Our worship (ascribing worth) of God relates to our work for Him. Is this a new concept for you? How aware of this are you on a daily basis? How can this transform your work even more?
5. What resources (Scriptures, books, podcasts, groups, etc.) have been especially helpful to you for growing in worship as you work? (By the way, please consider the "Work as Worship" seminar at Gateway 5/14 from 8-3.)

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?

Communication/Prayer Request Card

May 2, 2021

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

I'm new to Gateway: 1st Visit I attend here often I'm a member

I've been here a few times

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

SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM
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