

WELCOME

May 9, 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 *NOT MEETING TONIGHT

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

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.

DISCOVER MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM SUNDAY'S IN PERSON OR ONLINE

It is in our nature to want to belong. God designed us that way. Discover Membership is about discovering what it really means to belong to a local church community and the benefits that come from that. Baptism, Communion, Loving God, Loving Each other and Loving His World are all elements of membership. Join us and Discover for yourself! Class begins Sun., May 16 at 10:15AM In Person or Online 12:15PM.

END OF SCHOOL BASH // MAY 21ST // 7-11PM

All middle and high school students are invited to join us for our party to celebrate the end of another school year! We'll have carnival games, pizza, raffle prizes and a show from Knight Illusions. \$20 for Gateway Students and new people are only \$10. Pay at the door. Any questions contact Pastor Isaac at 723-4283 or email iparra@gatewaymerced.org.

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER'S BABY BOTTLE BLAST

Baby bottle blast begins TODAY. Pick up a bottle after the service. Bottles can be filled with coins, cash or checks! 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.

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 5-9-2021

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:**

Pastor Isaac spoke about Conflict, Love and Forgiveness in the family. How have these themes manifested themselves in your family?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Genesis 37-50 - The Story of Joseph

DIGGING DEEPER: Read Colossians 3:18-21 out loud. (1Peter 3:1-7)

1. What is the difference between what culture has taught us about submission and what the Bible has taught us on submission? Can you give examples that you have experienced? (1Peter 3:1-7 speaks to this as well)
2. Husbands, can you count the ways in which you have loved your wife? What are the things you can do to avoid being harsh with her?
3. Describe "provoke" or "embitter" in vs 21. If you have children or if you've been provoked as a child, would you be open to discuss your experience here?
4. Pick one to answer:

*How did you move through (respond) the experience of being provoked (as a child)?

*How did you move through (respond) the experience of Provoking (fathers)?

Was your response a healthy and biblical one?

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 9, 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 & 11AM
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IN THE FACE OF...

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