

THE COMPASS



This Sunday



OVERCOMING

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

November 20, 2016



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH

Get Connected

If this is your first visit, thank you for joining us. We hope your visit is meaningful! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area so we will know you were here. For all guests and attenders, below are steps you can take to engage in our community.



Explore I

Learn more about our church, meet our Campus Pastors and others on our leadership team.

- Woodmoor Campus: every 1st Sunday, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: TODAY, 11:30 am in lobby.



Explore II

Explore II is a workshop for those ready to make The Ascent Church their church home and to be involved in God's mission and vision in our region. Explore II includes why and how to become a member, our trail map for each family member, ministry values, doctrine, and connecting with a Base Camp. Held quarterly at both campuses.



Base Camps

Base Camps are neighborhood-based groups that meet regularly around our community. To build deeper relationships with your neighbors, visit our website at theascentchurch.com/basecamps.



Serving Opportunities

How is God calling you to help create a welcoming and inviting Sunday experience for our guests and regular attenders? Serving opportunities are available in many areas from Hosting and Greeting, Service Prep Teams, or Technical and General Set-Up Teams. Training is available for each role.

If you have any questions about hosting or serving roles, please email info@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping

Our Equipping Classes are designed to help further your walk with Christ. There are many short-term classes offered at both campuses, as well as ongoing women's and men's Bible studies. For more information, visit our website at: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.

Community Life



Christmas Eve Services:

Northgate Campus
4:30pm

Woodmoor Campus
3:00pm, 6:00pm

Northgate Campus
975 Stout Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Woodmoor Campus
1750 Deer Creek Rd.
Monument, CO 80132

www.TheAscentChurch.com

No services at either campus on Christmas Day

MIDDLE SCHOOL
**WINTER
RETREAT**
January 20-22
\$150 before Thanksgiving, \$175 after
SNOWBOUND

The poster features a dark blue background with a starry sky and a snow-capped mountain range under a sunset. A circular logo with a triangle and the word 'ASCENT' is at the top.

Volunteers Needed In K-6th Grade Classes!

Are you looking for a place to serve at The Ascent Church? No special skills needed, just a heart for Jesus! Please help make a difference in our church and the life of our younger generation by volunteering one Sunday each month!

Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/kids
or email Melinda at:
melinda@theascentchurch.com.

Children's Christmas Program

Ready for some Christmas spirit and music? Our annual Children's Christmas program will be on December 11 at all services and campuses.

CHRISTMAS TEA

"All is Calm"

DECEMBER 3, 2016

2:00 - 4:00 PM

TO HOST A TABLE, REGISTER ONLINE:
www.theascentchurch.com



Response Time

Each Sunday service, after the message, we have a time of response to God. We invite you to engage in worship through some tangible ways throughout our worship space.

- Communion: Available to all who profess Jesus Christ
- Prayer: Pastors or Prayer Partners available in the room
- Song: Engage in singing and expression to God
- Offering: Offering boxes and kiosks are available for giving
- Other: At times we will offer artistic/tactile worship stations

We invite you to move around the room at your own pace and in freedom to worship and respond to God as you feel led. You may engage these areas of worship in any order and at your own pace.



Christmas Decorating!

Do you love to decorate for Christmas? We are looking for volunteers who want to help us decorate the Woodmoor campus for Christmas. We will be decorating on Tuesday, November 22 from 8am-3pm. Bring a friend! Questions, email: tara@theascentchurch.com.



Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes during worship
- Online www.theascentchurch.com/give1
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

Financial information can be obtained by contacting Tara. tara@theascentchurch.com

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: November 29 for MS and HS.

- Middle School: 5:30-6:45pm
- High School: 7:00-8:45pm

ASM upcoming events:

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: November 20.

No ASM on November 27.

- Northgate: 10am, upstairs.
- Woodmoor: 11am, upstairs.

Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9am, 11am
- Northgate Campus: 10am

Family Worship Sundays:

November 27 and December 18 are family worship days for K-6th grade. Tiny Town will have child care available. The Children's Christmas program will be on December 11 at both campuses.

www.theascentchurch.com/kids

Missions

Pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to make a difference in the life of a child! Please return today.

Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class: Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213.

Parents of Teens Class: Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 210.

Women's and Men's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

1 & 2 Corinthians, 6:00am coffee; 6:15am start.

- Woodmoor Campus: Room 213
- Northgate: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza

Women on the Ascent Studies:

Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.

Wednesday evening study, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available.

Info: www.theascentchurch.com/equipping.

Christmas Tea:

The Christmas Tea will be December 3 from 2-4pm. Join this tradition and host a table! Sign up at:

www.theascentchurch.com/women.

We are also looking for bakers who enjoy making Christmas cookies. If you will bake, please call or text Jennifer: (618) 301-8827 or Karen: (210) 412-2041.



This Sunday's Message

Overcoming the Past

Numbers 14:6-10, 20-23

Joshua 3:1-8

Joshua 3:9-13

Joshua 3:17, Joshua 4:20-24

Shared Engagement and Preparation

The Compass is a daily devotional and study guide for individuals, families, and Base Camps. The Compass has Biblical reflections for each day, beginning on Monday and leading up to Sunday, which will help us all meditate on the week's passage. In this way, the whole of the church engages in God's Word and prepares for our time of worship and preaching.

Deep Engagement and Doable Application

In order to allow for deep impact by God through His Word, The Compass centers on one passage in three ways — as individuals, with others, in our corporate gatherings — and focuses on applying what God is showing us. Life transformation happens when God's people depend upon and live out what He has revealed to us in His Word.

Consistency Over Time

With a tool such as The Compass, we can mistakenly measure personal spiritual success or failure based on whether we've completed a given day's reflection. Instead, use The Compass as a resource for individual and community growth. If you miss a few days, move on, pick it up from the next day, and seek maturity — God will honor this.

Our prayer is that God will bless you as you seek to connect intimately with Him, intentionally with His people, and influentially in His world.

The Compass Passages for November 21 – 26, 2016:

- Joshua 6
- Hebrews 11:1, 17-19, 30
- Joshua 5:13-15
- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- Joshua 2:14
- Matthew 1:5
- 1 Chronicles 15:13
- Ephesians 6:18

Monday, November 21, 2016

Read: Joshua 6.

Reflect:

Jericho is a familiar, oft-told Bible story.

Why do you—and why did Israel—celebrate this story?

What does the fall of Jericho symbolize for Israel? What does it symbolize for you?

Consider God's will and mission for your life—glorifying Him in all you do, sharing the gospel, loving others, obeying His commands.

Are any of these an intimidating (but soon-to-be-conquered) "Jericho" for you? Name a "Jericho" in your life, and tell how you plan to defeat it.

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Read: Joshua 6:3-5; Hebrews 11:1, 17-19, & 30.

Reflect:

As a nomad nation facing a heavily fortified city, God's instructions for conquering Jericho may have seemed nonsensical or strange to the Israelites.

Considering how God has worked in other places in Scripture (e.g. Gideon's story, Naaman's leprosy, and some of Jesus's instructions to people He healed), tell why God gave these odd instructions for conquering Jericho:

How does God work or direct you in mysterious ways?

Share experiences you have had that are similar to Abraham's call to sacrifice Isaac or Israel's call to march around Jericho for 7 days.

What kind of relationship is God calling you to when He works or directs you in ways you don't fully understand?

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?

Pray for clarity and Spirit-led faith to follow God's directions and to trust in His divine plans to overtake a "Jericho" in your life.

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

Read: Joshua 6:8-21; Hebrews 11:30.

Reflect:

The Israelites followed the Lord's instructions without question, although Achan disobeyed God's instructions, as is recorded in Joshua 7 & 8.

What does the Jericho 6 story say about Israel's faith? Was it blind faith?

What is your faith based on?

What does Achan's sin say about Israel's (and your) disobedience? Why do you often disobey when God gives direction?

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?

Are you seeking guidance or discipline in following God's directions? Ask a brother or sister to keep you accountable; be ready to explain how you're being obedient and faithful.

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Read: Joshua 5:13-15; Joshua 6:18-19; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.

Reflect:

In light of God's answer given in Joshua 5:14, what do you learn about God and His victory at Jericho?

When you face a "Jericho," are you focused more on your problem—or on God? Why?

Was Jericho a victory for Israel or a victory for God? Explain.

When you're in the middle of an overwhelming challenge, how do you keep a kingdom perspective?

What is God's perspective?

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?

Think of a "Jericho" in your life. Journal how that victory is God's, not yours:

Friday, November 25, 2016

Read: Joshua 2:14, 6:25; Matthew 1:5.

Reflect:

Jericho itself was the fulfillment of promise to Israel. However, within the story, you see more of God's fulfillment of promise in the story of Rahab.

Record how Rahab's story gives testimony to God's love for you:

Although Rahab led a sinful life, God fulfilled a promise to her and even put her, a non-Israelite, in the family line of your Savior Jesus Christ—perhaps an even greater work or promise than Rahab asked for or imagined.

When has God fulfilled a promise for you?

When has God done an even greater thing than you asked or imagined?

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?

Tell someone this week about a promise fulfilled or a "Jericho felled" or a "Rahab preserved" in your life.

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Read: Joshua 5:13-6:5; 1 Chronicles 15:13; Ephesians 6:18.

Reflect:

As the Israelites were entering the promised land, Jericho lay before them as their first great challenge, and God was there to give instruction. Today, you may not have a direct appearance from the “Commander of the army of the Lord” to give you direction.

Where, when and from whom *do* you get direction as you face the “Jericho” in your life?

What keeps you from receiving or obeying God’s direction?

If you have fear as you seek and receive God’s direction, what does the story of Jericho say about facing that fear?

What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?

Ask a fellow Christian about their fear, about God’s direction in their life, and about how you can support them as they seek and receive God’s direction.

Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week four of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps: intergenerational, adult study, mixed, invitation/service.

During your group's initial gathering or meal time, share a favorite story or tradition associated with your celebration of Thanksgiving.

As your group gathers for study, read Joshua 5:13-6:27 together, paying attention to the details of the story.

What stands out to you? What might be "new" to you based on this reading?

The Israelites had just crossed into the Promised Land, and before them stands the fortified city of Jericho, their first great challenge. God was there to give instruction in this moment.

What does the fall of Jericho symbolize for Israel? What does it symbolize for you? What obstacle or "wall" are you currently facing?

God's instructions for conquering Jericho may have seemed strange to the Israelites. How does God work or direct you in mysterious ways?

When you face a "Jericho," are you focused more on your problem—or on God? Why?

What kind of relationship is God calling you to as you take on your "Jericho?"

What significant lesson might you be taking away from this story and your group discussion? How will you take action on this in the coming week?

Close in prayer for each other to be overcomers of opposition.

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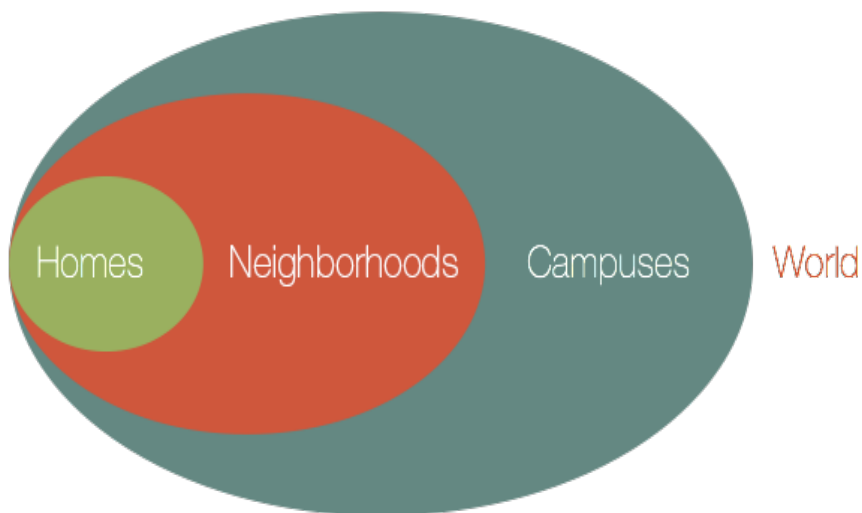
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Mission and Vision

The mission of THE ASCENT CHURCH is to help people connect intimately with God, intentionally with God's family, and influentially with God's world. Our vision is to develop genuine biblical communities on every street in our region.

Our community lives out its vision and mission within three environments:

- Home — The best place for formation and nurture.
- Neighborhood — The best place for application and outreach.
- Campus — The best place for equipping, inspiration and celebration.



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