

THE COMPASS



This Sunday



OVERCOMING

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

December 4, 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: TODAY, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 11:30 am in lobby.

No pre-registration required.



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.



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.



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.

Community Life



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Christmas Eve Services:

Northgate Campus
4:30pm

Northgate Campus
975 Stout Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Woodmoor Campus
3:00pm, 6:00pm

Woodmoor Campus
1750 Deer Creek Rd.
Monument, CO 80132

www.TheAscentChurch.com
No services at either campus on Christmas Day

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.

Want to see God in action?

Join our Team and serve in Children's Ministry one Sunday a month.

No special skills needed, just a heart for Jesus and a desire to hear from the Holy Spirit. Are you being called to make an impact?



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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.



End of Year Giving:

All end-of-year giving will need to be completed by December 31 in order to qualify for the 2016 tax year. If you have any questions, please contact: 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 at tara@theascentchurch.com.

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry



Equipping Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates: December 6, 13, 20 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: December 4, 11, 18. No ASM on December 25.

- Northgate: 10:15am, 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

Children's Christmas Program:

The Children's Christmas program will be on December 11 at both campuses.

Family Worship Sundays:

December 18 is a family worship day for K-6th grade. Tiny Town will have child care available.

More information at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids

Connections Class: Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213. The Connection Class is studying the prophecies of Zechariah until the end of the year, and starting a new study in January.

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.

Missions

Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



This Sunday's Message

Overcoming Defeat

The defeat.

Joshua 7:1-5

How to overcome a major defeat:

_____ the _____ .

Joshua 7:6-9

_____ the _____ .

Joshua 7:10-14, 20-21

_____ with the _____ .

Joshua 7:24-26; 8:28

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 December 5–December 10, 2016:

- Joshua 6:20-21; 8:24-25; 9:1-27; 1:7-9
- Matthew 28:18-20; 5:43-46
- 2 Timothy 4:5
- John 16:33
- Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 7:1-4
- Psalm 1:1-3
- Galatians 5:22-23
- Luke 6:8

Monday, December 5, 2016

Read Joshua 6:20-21; 8:24-25.

What does the defeat of Jericho and Ai suggest God's people should have expected as they sought to take possession of the Promised Land? How does this correspond to Joshua 1:1-5?

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Timothy 4:5.

What should be your expectation as you seek to fulfill God's call? How is this task accomplished?

Read Joshua 9:1-2 and John 16:33.

In addition to an expectation of success, what other expectations should inform our lives of service, ministry, and mission?

Identify a friend, neighbor, coworker, or any person you wish to lead to faith in Christ; pray for them and for your heart to become fully expectant for God's work in you.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Read Joshua 9:2-16.

While other groups banded together against Israel, what did the inhabitants of Gibeon do? Do you think this was a good tactic? Is it true that all is fair in love and war? Do you blame the Gibeonites for attempting their deception?

List the emotions you have felt when you have been deceived.

What counsel might you give someone who has been deceived?

Meditate on Psalm 109. Record your thoughts below.

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Read Joshua 1:7-9; Deuteronomy 7:1-4; Joshua 9:14-15.

Trickery is terrible, no doubt. However, who does the failure belong to?

What kind of spiritual life does it require to “ask counsel from the Lord” in political circumstances such as these? What kind of spiritual life makes it difficult to seek that counsel?

What does this reveal about the people and/or Joshua’s leadership at this time?

Read Psalm 1:1-3.

After reading this meditatively a few times, name two or three spiritual routines believers should practice regularly.

Share with your Base Camp, your Bible study, or a believing friend your success with these practices or your desire to engage in them more fully.

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Read Joshua 9:16-25.

Who first confronted the Gibeonites? Were they right to do so?

What was Joshua's response? What was unique about his response, differentiating it from the people's response?

What might one who has been cursed expect? By what authority—if any—does Joshua curse the Gibeonites?

What was the balance of Joshua's response? Why is this significant?

Read Matthew 5:43-46.

What prayers should you offer on behalf of those who have deceived or betrayed you? What is the fruit of these obedient and humble prayers?

Friday, December 9, 2016

Read Galatians 5:22-23 and Joshua 9:24-27.

Which fruit of the Spirit does Joshua demonstrate in his response?

Who benefited from the punishment Joshua gave to the Gibeonites? What motivated Joshua's choice of punishment?

What does this say about Joshua's leadership?

Read Luke 6:28 and your answers to Wednesday's final question.

What is essential in your own spiritual practice?

Who is coaching, holding you accountable, or praying for you as you engage in these practices?

Take at least 10 minutes to practice those things you think might intensify your spiritual attention to the Lord.

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Read Deuteronomy 5:1-21 and review Joshua 9:1-27.

What does Moses tell the people they should do with God's instructions?

In light of this week's readings, what does it mean to "learn" the 10 Commandments?

What does it mean to "be careful to do them" (the Commandments)?

How would learning and applying God Word help you overcome another's deception?

Review notes from the final questions on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

What has God revealed to you this week?

How vulnerable do you feel to deception? Would you be able to overcome it?

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Preparation

Find a graphic of the 10 Commandments and the Lord's Prayer to print for each child in your Base Camp. Bring colored pencils.

Intergenerational Element

Have the younger children read the 10 Commandments from the sheets you prepared. Focus on "you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" or its traditional rendering, "You shall not lie." Ask members to share what it feels like when someone lies to them. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Adult Study

Read Joshua 9. What would have been your reaction after discovering the Gibeonites had betrayed you?

The Law of Moses prevented Israel from backing out of their covenant and from killing those who deceived them. Discuss what it's like when one part of God's Word places a constraint on another.

Joshua found the way for himself and God's people to take the high road. Given what they still had to do to possess the Promised Land, what is the significance of this choice?

What happens when you fail to make this choice (see Joshua 7:1-2; 10-12)?

What should orient your response to the deceptions of others?

Conclude Base Camp with prayer for the next step each person may need to take to respond to betrayal, deception, or lies.

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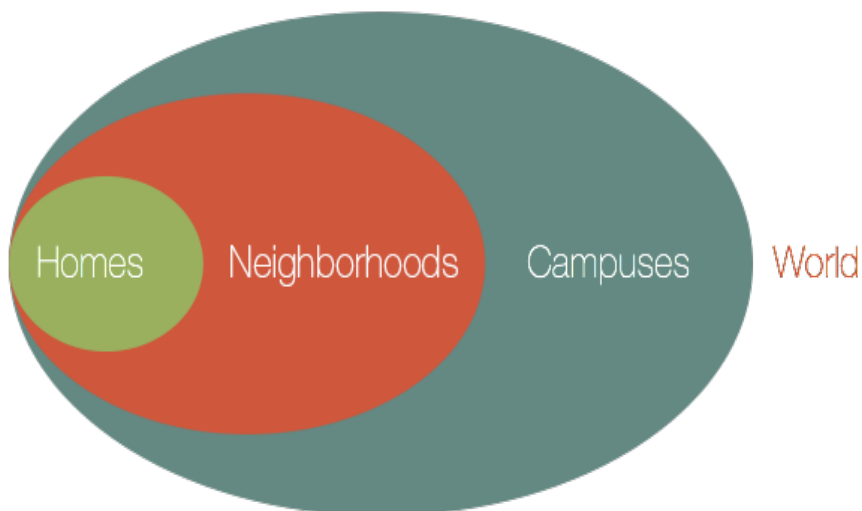
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Mission and Vision

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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