



THE COMPASS

Current Series



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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 Rm 214.
- 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 or contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.



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 contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.

Community Life

CHURCH WIDE

COOKOUT

MAY 22; 10:15 - 1:00 PM;
BEFORE/AFTER SERVICES;
WOODMOOR CAMPUS



8 date nights! the marriage course

Wednesdays, June 1 - July 20
6:00-8:30pm, Woodmoor Campus
dinner and childcare included



more information:
www.theascentchurch.com

Children's Ministry
June 29, 9am-12pm

A DAY AT THE PARK

Black Forest Park
Kids ages 4yrs-4th grade



[theascent
church.com/kids](http://theascentchurch.com/kids)

Looking for a way to make an impact? Join the Global Outreach Leadership or Missionary Support Team.
www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach

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.

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering: \$21,395.50

As of 4/30/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$999,510
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$996,046
YTD Budget:	\$1,257,848

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$29,397
Avg. Weekly Budget:	\$36,995
Min. Weekly Need:	\$31,314



Giving at The Ascent

- (1) Offering Boxes: cash/check (in our worship service)
- (2) Online: from our website
- (3) Kiosk: In the lobby
- (4) Mobile/Text: The Ascent Church App (download from your App Store)

Connection Opportunities *This Week*

Ascent Student Ministry

(Middle school and high school)

ASM Tuesday Dates: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, Woodmoor Campus.

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

ASM “All Play” BBQ: May 31, 6-8pm Woodmoor Campus.

Welcome the new 7th graders to Middle School and 9th graders to High School. Hot dogs and games! Questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.

Children’s Ministry

(Birth—6th grade)

Tiny Town: Birth - PreK

Adventure Quest: K - 4th grade

Elevate: 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:00 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 10:00am

Elevate End of Year Celebration:

May 22, 12:15pm, during the church BBQ at Woodmoor, followed by Sky Zone at 2:00pm, sign up at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids

Family Movie Night: June 10, join us for a family movie at the Woodmoor Campus.

Children’s Day at the Park:

June 29, 9am-12pm, Black Forest Regional Park, 4yrs-4th grade.

www.theascentchurch.com/kids

Missions

Be a part of the GO Leadership Team, Missionary Support Team, and Ministry Partner Coordinators. Visit: www.theascentchurch.com/missions/outreach.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

ASM DEEP Dates: May 22, June 12, 19, 26, upstairs at both campuses.

- Northgate: **new time at 10am!**
- Woodmoor: 11am



Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

Connections Class:

Sundays, 11am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 213.

Catalyst Class: Sundays, 11am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 212.

Parents of Teens Class: Sundays, 11am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 210.

Women’s and Men’s Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

Tuesdays at 6:15am.

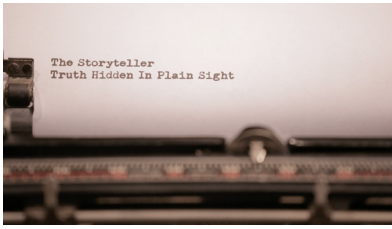
- Woodmoor Campus: Room 213
- Northgate: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza.

Women on The Ascent: June 16, 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, Room 213.

The Marriage Course: 8 date

nights! June 1-July 20, 6:00-8:30pm. Cost \$120 with dinner and childcare. Sign up:

www.theascentchurch.com.



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: Luke 10:25-37.



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 5/23/16–5/28/16: Luke 10:25-42 (Part II).

Monday, May 23, 2016

Read: Luke 10:25-42 through several times today. We are going to spend an additional week on this passage, looking at it from a different perspective.

Reflect:

What was the main point from last week's sermon from this passage?

What did you take away as an action item for you to put into practice this week?

This week, look more directly at the actions of the Samaritan in the parable. Take time to think about the parable from the perspective of the Samaritan. Ask God to show you what you are to be learning from his actions.

Why do you think he was so willing to step in and get involved with the man laying by the side of the road?

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Read: Luke 10:31-34 in several versions today.

Reflect:

From the text, you can see that the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan all noticed the man. What do you think was the difference in how they saw the man that caused the change in their actions?

As you go about your day, what people did you notice today?
What caused you to notice some and not others?

What thoughts go through your mind when you see someone in need? What prevents you from being willing to take action?

Spend time in prayer today, asking God to give you His eyes to see the people you encounter along the way. What is God asking you to do in response to what you see?

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Read: Luke 10:30-37 along with Psalm 103:6-13.

Reflect:

In Luke's passage there are several words that describe what the Samaritan showed to the man who was beaten. List them below and take some time to look them up in the dictionary, thinking of other words that express the same meaning.

The passage in the Psalm describes some of the characteristics of God repeated in many other passages of scripture as well. What do those words have in common with the words used to describe the actions of the Samaritan?

How do the actions of the Samaritan display the characteristics of God and how He relates to all humans?

What are ways you can show the world the character of God through how you respond to those who are hurting and in need?

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Thursday, May 26, 2016

Read: Luke 10:30-33 through. Focus on the things the Samaritan did for the beaten man.

Reflect:

What surprised you about the Samaritan's actions? Why?

Do you think the things the Samaritan did were convenient for him? If not, what do you think motivated him to be inconvenienced and to show extravagant love to the beaten stranger?

How do you, as a Christian, normally respond when you see people that are hurting and beaten up by the world or society?

After reflecting on how the Samaritan responded, how are you challenged to live life differently when you see hurting people?

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

Friday, May 27, 2016

Read: Luke 10:38-42 today and take some time so set aside the busyness of the day and just listen to God—let Him speak to you through this passage.

Reflect:

Which person, Martha or Mary, do you most relate to from this passage? Why?

Find a friend in your Base Camp, family or a fellow Christian and share with them about this familiar story of Mary and Martha. Share how you relate to one of the women more than the other.

In our culture today, what are the things you get so busy with that you are not able to spend time alone at Jesus' feet? What things in your life are taking away time with Jesus?

How do you balance your life when you think about what God has called you to do from the parable of the Good Samaritan, and the challenge given to Martha—doing the most needed thing?

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

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Read: Luke 10:26-42 again and reflect back on all you have learned these past two weeks. Spend time alone with God, listening to Him about what He wants you to put into practice from what you have learned regarding this parable.

Take time to write a letter to God, expressing thankfulness for who He is and that He has called you to be a reflection of His nature to those that you encounter along life's journey. Ask Him to give you eyes to see people as He sees them, and to give you the courage to love extravagantly when He brings people and circumstances into your life.

As we prepare to gather together tomorrow with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, be praying that God would show you how you can work together to be His hands and feet to the hurting within your community and your neighborhood. You don't have to do this alone, but can challenge and support others as you seek to show love, compassion and mercy to those that need to see God's character in their circumstances.

Pray that God would give you eyes to see and a heart ready and willing to respond as He brings broken people across your path. Ask Him to prepare you to be His instrument of love and mercy to those people He loves deeply.

Building Our Base Camp Family

Preparation:

Re-read the last two weeks of the Compass questions and answers, recall your group's conversation and learning from last week; be prepared to remind the group of that impact.

Intergenerational Time—5 Minutes:

Like many parables, they are easily understood by all ages. Read the parable up through v. 36, and ask the gradeschoolers to answer Jesus' question. Then ask: how ought we treat others? When can we treat others this way?

Adult Study:

After recounting the group discussion from last week (five minutes), ask:

- What heart or whose heart is needed? What makes having a heart for others challenging?
- What progress did you make in creating margin?

Now focus on the parables (Luke 10:30-35):

- What is a possible significance of Jesus telling a story where a man was beaten nearly to death?
- Is there indication, in the parable, that the Samaritan was stressed about his care he gave? What does a relaxed heart give us as far as caring for others?
- From whom did the Samaritan receive the resources he shared? What can we expect from Jesus?
- Play out a few lines of interpretation—does Jesus most identify with the Samaritan, the priest or levite, or the beaten man? What might be revealed about God's heart?
- Who at work/school needs you to be this kind of neighbor? Who in your neighborhood needs to be well loved?

Read Luke 10.38-42.

- Should there be an impasse or priority between being with God or serving others? How do we know?

Identify a few people who may need some neighborly attention. Make a plan for next steps.

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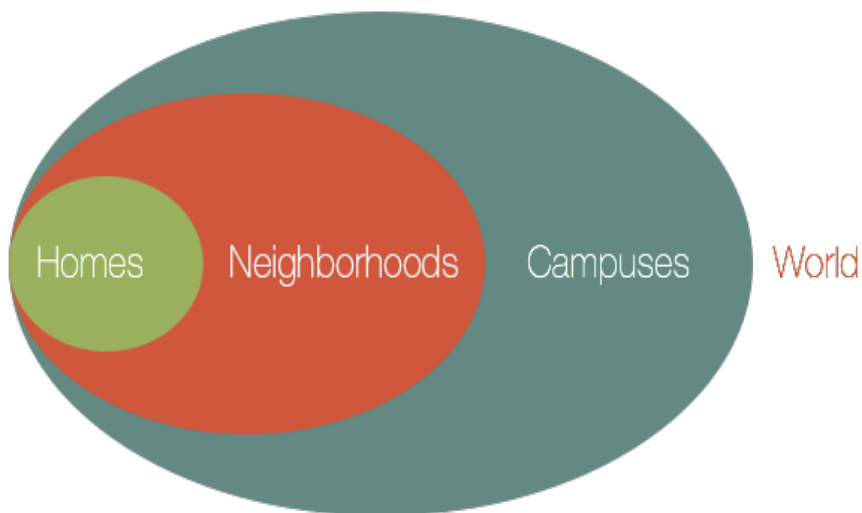
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Mission and Vision

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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