

THE COMPASS

Next Series:



October 4, 2015



**THE
ASCENT
CHURCH**

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 in the offering or at the Welcome Areas 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 2nd Sunday at 11:00 am, room 214 Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, at 10:45 am, in the lobby.



Explore II

Go deeper into the vision and mission of our church. Become an active part of our church community, and plug-in to neighborhood and campus ministries. **Held quarterly.**



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

Use your talents and interests to serve with others in your church, accomplishing common ministry goals. There are always teams you can join! Contact Joel Witzel at joel@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping

Our Equipping Classes are designed to help further your walk with Christ. There are many short-term classes offered, as well as ongoing women's and men's bible studies. For more information, visit our website or contact Joel Witzel at 719.481.3600 or joel@theascentchurch.com.



Giving @ 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 (visit your App Store to download)

Community Life



Overflow Sunday Baptisms

We will celebrate the proclamation of faith in Jesus through baptism. Overflow Sunday Baptisms will be held on Oct 25 at each campus. If you or a family member would like to be baptized or to know more about Baptism, email info@theascentchurch.com.

Child Dedications on October 18, 2015

Open to those desiring to dedicate their child(ren) to the Lord, grow towards a Christ-centered home, and have The Ascent Church come along side on their journey of parenthood.

Woodmoor Campus all worship services
Northgate at 9:30am.

Register at www.theascentchurch.com.

Parent Meetings: October 7, 6-7pm at Woodmoor
or October 11, 10:45am at Northgate Campus.



Parents of Teens Equipping Class

The Parents of Teens Equipping Class meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00am at the Woodmoor Campus in Room 210. This is an opportunity for parents of teenagers to learn and help one another in raising their teens. One Sunday each month, teens will join their parents for a book study on "Do Hard Things". For more information, please contact Micah at asm@theascentchurch.com.

Single Mom Baskets

MOPS is collecting donations for Single Mom Baskets.

If you would like to donate, we welcome items such as:

candles, chocolate, lotion, gift cards, ornaments, tea, coffee, mugs, baskets, filler, cellophane, ribbon, etc. These baskets will be distributed throughout the community around Thanksgiving. We will accept donations through Nov. 5th. To nominate a single mom, please contact Joel at joel@theascentchurch.com. Drop off donations in The Ascent Church office, 1750 Deer Creek Rd.



Men on the Ascent Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 6:15am. Study the Gospel of Mark and apply what you learn in daily life while connecting with others.

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

Contact Joel at joel@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.

The Ascent Church Financial Update

As of 9/30/2015:

Year To Date Giving: \$104,453.99

Year To Date Actual Expenses: \$115,717.96

Year To Date Budget: \$147,982.16

Last Week's Offering: \$26,454.20

Weekly Budget: \$36,995.54

Get Connected

Ascent Student Ministry (ASM)

(Middle & High School)

Ascent Student Ministries meets on Tuesday nights at the Woodmoor Campus. Our current series is “Known”, and we are learning about the character and mission of Jesus through his conversations with those around Him.

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

We will be digging deeper into the Bible on Sunday mornings beginning on Oct. 18 and Oct. 25.

- Northgate meets at 9:30am
- Woodmoor meets at 11:00am

Looking forward to seeing you! Contact Micah, Rob & Taylor at asm@theascentchurch.com.



Children's Ministry (Birth—6th grade)

Save the date for **The Ascent Church Fall Festival**—Wednesday, October 28, from 6:00pm—8:00pm. Candy donations accepted at both campuses and volunteers are needed! Questions? Email fran@theascentchurch.com or melinda@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping, Women's and Men's Ministries

Equipping Classes: Sunday 9:30am at Woodmoor, *Book of Revelation* study. All are welcome!

Men on the Ascent Bible Study: *Gospel of Mark* study Tuesdays at 6:15am. Woodmoor Campus in Rm 213. Northgate Campus: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza.

Women on The Ascent: Bible Studies offered on Tuesday mornings at the Woodmoor Campus.

For more information, contact joel@theascentchurch.com.



Base Camps

Experience life with a neighborhood group. Questions? info@theascentchurch.com.

Worship Ministry & Technical Arts

Join our Tech Team or Worship Team. For more info contact carson@theascentchurch.com.

Sunday Morning Team

This is a great way to serve at The Ascent! Meet new people, serve together and grow in Christ as you serve our community. Contact joel@theascentchurch.com.



The Compass Guide

If you're new to The Compass, welcome! Here is a short overview to keep in mind before you get started.

Advance Preparation

At the Ascent Church, we help you prepare in advance to worship together. Throughout the week we study the passage(s) that is (are) the focus for the upcoming Sunday. This allows the whole church to engage God's Word before we join together for worship and to hear God's Word preached.

Deeper versus Broader

We use one Bible passage in different environments to allow the passage to impact us in a variety of ways. It's not simply for study. It's for discussion in community and application. Remember, depth and maturity are not measured by new information or ideas. Depth is life change. One passage in different environments allows for a greater opportunity to have the Word of God go deep. The first question on the daily pages is one that may be helpful for group discussion, discussions with newer Christians, or for discussion with children or other family members.

Use versus Do

One trap related to a tool like *The Compass* is that people start to "do" it and then measure their success (and their guilt!) based on whether or not they "did" it. The Compass is simply a resource. If you use this to grow in your faith as an individual and in community, God will honor that. If you miss a few days, move on. *Use* the resource. Don't *do* it.

Transformation versus Education

Our goal with *The Compass* is to let the Word of God transform you. It's not so you can know more. It's so you can BE more like Jesus. So use the resource. Saturate yourself. Become more like Jesus every day as an individual and as a community! Let's grow together!

Passages for 10/5/2015 through 10/10/2015

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Monday, October 5, 2015

Read: John 13:34-35.

Reflect: In the last Compass series, we highlighted your role and testimony as an exile working for the prosperity of your “city of exile” and loving your neighbor as yourself. How is Jesus’ “new commandment” to the disciples a slightly different message?

Why did Jesus want “all people” to know they were His disciples?

This sermon series is entitled “On Display.” Why is it important for you to be on display?

Consider 1 Peter 2:12 and Matthew 5:16. Is this the same message?

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

Are you unable or unwilling to be on display? Why?

Pray that the study of God’s Word will help you in your commitment to this new commandment.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Read: John 13:34-35 and John 15:9-14.

Reflect: These passages are part of the Upper Room discourse: some of Jesus' last words to His disciples during His ministry with them. How is His message essential for you?

Read 1 John 3:23 and 1 John 4:7-12. How do these add to the importance of Christ's message for you?

Why is your response to God's love valuable in His kingdom?

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

Knowing you're committed to God's family (the body of Christians), what would you share with others? What is your attitude toward "unlovable" members of the body?

Journal why your Base Camp or community of Christians is a significant part of your life.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Read: Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10.

Reflect: How did early Christians show their love for one another? Why was this an effective witness in their society?

How would loving others and being in Christian community be considered countercultural? What societal challenges do you encounter as you live and love in Christian community?

What is your response to God's love? Is your response apparent to others? In what ways?

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

Name several things—positive and negative—that are “on display” in Christian communities.

What do you want others to experience when they stay in your home? What's on display in your family/home? In your Base Camp?

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Read: John 13:34-35.

Reflect: This week, you have considered the why: the importance of Jesus' new commandment and that which is on display—love for others in response to God's love. Now think about the "how".

As the disciples heard Jesus' new command to love each other, how was this command also a challenge? Think about where they conducted their ministries and had community.

Why was it a challenge to love each other in community in that era?

How do you have similar challenges?

Establishing Christian community in Gentile cities was often very difficult for the early church. What convenient opportunities do you have for loving other Christians?

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

Is your home or neighborhood an ideal place to love other Christians? Why or why not?

Name another location where you think you could be on display loving other Christians.

Friday, October 9, 2015

Read: John 13:34-35; Hebrews 10:24-25; and Matthew 5:16.

Reflect: What does the Hebrews passage tell you about how to love each other?

The Hebrews verses are usually quoted in relation to worship or church gatherings. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus is offering guidance to let your light shine before men. Together, what might these verses communicate about when you should practice loving other Christians?

With these verses in mind, how can all people know you're Jesus' disciple?

When is your love for other Christians on display?

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

Name several events where your love for other Christians is evident to others.

List several ways you could invite others to witness, experience, or learn Christians' love for each other.

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Read: 1 John 3:23; 1 John 4:7-12; John 13:34-35; John 15:9-14.

Reflect: John, the “Apostle of Love,” repeats the same message of love for other Christians several times in his gospel and epistles. Consider these verses with church and your Base Camp in mind.

What will be your opportunities and challenges tomorrow to love other Christians?

Who might witness your love or community tomorrow?

How can you be on display for all men?

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

How could members of your Base Camp or Christian community feel love or show love for others? How can you help and serve them?

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Involve all ages of your group in a meal or time of fellowship before starting the adult study. Ask each person in your group to reflect on the last week, sharing a time when they either received love or purposely demonstrated love to another.

Read: Read John 13:34-35 as a group. For supporting Scripture, spend time reading Romans 13:8; 1 John 3:11; 1 John 3:23; 1 John 4:7-12; 1 Peter 4:8; and Hebrews 13:1.

Reflect: What jumps out at you upon reading these passages?

The passage from John 13 is part of the Upper Room discourse, some of Jesus' last words to His disciples during His ministry with them. How is His message essential for you and those in your Base Camp?

Think of how you're living your own life. Do you find this new commandment easy to live out or challenging? Why? Cite examples, if appropriate.

Why did Jesus want all people to know (they) were His disciples? What does choosing to love reveal about you?

Respond: What are some examples of love on display in your life? In the life of The Ascent Church family? What are some ways we can shift our attitudes and action to better demonstrate the love we read about in John 13?

Pray: Close your time in prayer for each other, The Ascent Church, and the global body of believers, that we would demonstrate love to others, just as Christ loves us.

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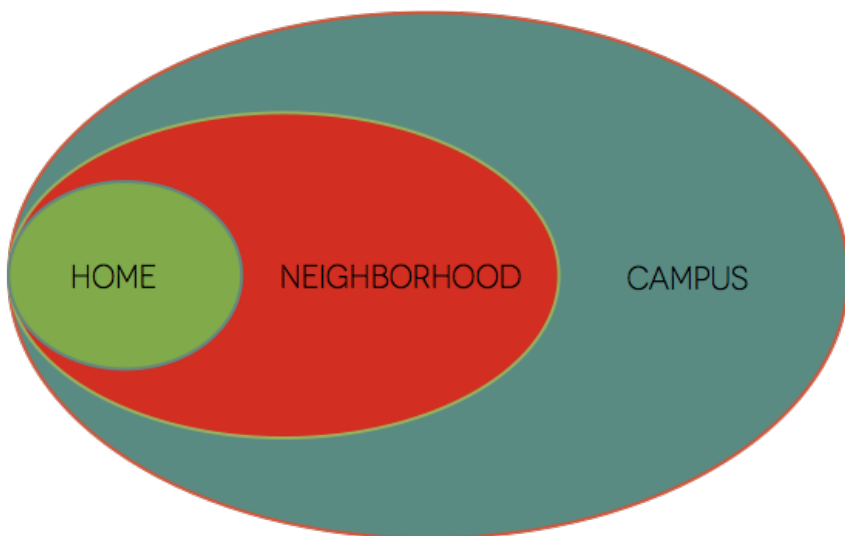
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Mission and Vision

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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