



THE
COMPASS

Next Sunday



May 7, 2017



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH

“Is There Really Only One Way?”

Sermon Notes:

Reasons to Believe in One Way:

It's _____.

The _____ of _____ - _____:
_____ cannot both be _____ at
the same time and in the same sense.

Two opposing claims to God: The “_____” Way vs. The
“_____” Way.

It's _____.

“Do” Ways:

Islam:

Source: Koran

Do “The Five Pillars”:

1. Belief in the Oneness of Allah and the finality of the prophethood of Muhammad.
2. Daily prayers.
3. Alms to the needy.
4. Self-purification through fasting.
5. The pilgrimage to Mecca.
- (6.) Jihad.

Koran, 5:49-51

Koran, 47:4

Buddhism:

Source: Nirvana Sutra

Do “The Eightfold Path”:

1. Right View Wisdom
2. Right Intention
3. Right Speech-Ethical Conduct
4. Right Action
5. Right Livelihood
6. Right Effort-Mental Development
7. Right Mindfulness
8. Right Concentration

Hinduism:

Source: Bhagavad Gita

BG-2.13

BG, p. 9,10

Do “The Dharma Rules”:

Manusmriti written by the ancient sage Manu, prescribes ten essential rules for the observance of dharma: Patience (dhriti), forgiveness (kshama), piety or self control (dama), honesty (asteya), sanctity (shauch), control of senses (indraiya-nigrah), reason (dhi), knowledge or learning (vidya), truthfulness (satya) and absence of anger (krodha). Manu further writes, “Non-violence, truth, non-coveting, purity of body and mind, control of senses are the essence of dharma”. (Subhamoy Das)

The Only “Done” Way: _____ .

John 1:29 (NIV)

Ephesians 2:1-10 (GW)

Romans 10:9 (GW)

Get Connected

If this is your first visit, welcome! We hope your visit is meaningful, and we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area. 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: 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. Explore II classes are 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.



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.



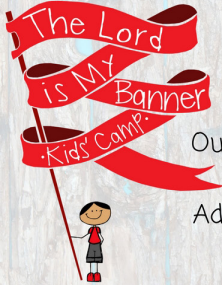
Serving Opportunities

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

Volunteers NEEDED!



Kids' Camp

Our Kids' Camp has gotten a great response but it can't happen without YOU! Adult leaders and teens are needed to make a difference for our neighborhood kids.

JUNE 7-9, 2017

Volunteer/Register: www.theascentchurch.com/kids

RUN TO THE ASCENT 5K for Schools

A family color fun run!
June 17, 2017—9am

100% of the proceeds go to local schools for suicide prevention.

More information:
www.theascentchurch.com/5K



EXPLORE I

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ASCENT

WOODMOOR CAMPUS: 1ST SUNDAY
NORTHGATE CAMPUS: 3RD SUNDAY

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
May 9, 16, and 23.

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Internship: Do you feel called into ministry? Apply for an internship with ASM. Details online.

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

- 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: 10:15am

6th Grade Promotion: May 21, all 6th grade families are invited for a special gathering for their 6th graders.

- Woodmoor Campus: 10:30am
- Northgate Campus: 11:30am

Kids' Camp: June 7-9, 2017, La Foret Event Center, Black Forest. Volunteers are needed to make Kids' Camp a success!

www.theascentchurch.com/kids



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:
Sundays, 10:45am,

Woodmoor Campus Room 213.
The Connection Class will be studying the book of Hebrews. All are welcome!

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

Women's and Men's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

I & II Corinthians, 6:00am coffee; 6:15am start. Join us anytime.

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

Women on the Ascent:

WOTA Gather: More information:
www.theascentchurch.com/women.

Missions

Information about our Ethiopia and Kenya mission trips can be found online:

www.theascentchurch.com/missions.

6th Grade Promotion on May 21



REFLECTION,
ENCOURAGEMENT
and
BLESSING



All families of 6th graders are invited for a special gathering.
Woodmoor Campus at 10:30am / Northgate Campus at 11:30am.



**Giving
at The
Ascent**

- Offering boxes in worship
- Online: theascentchurch.com
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

ASM SENIOR
BANQUET

5.13.17 | Student Center | 6pm

\$10/ticket | Class of 2017 Free

Ascent Student Ministries



Summer 2017

www.theascentchurch.com/students

Now Hiring:

**WOODMOOR
SET-UP TEAM**

For more information, please contact Tara at:
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These study pages are for groups and individuals to deepen their reflection on the biblical passages from the sermon and work toward group and personal application of His word. They can be completed in one sitting or over the week. Together, we are learning and living the Bible.

Is There Really Only One Way?

John 1:29, Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 10:9

Christians are often confronted or challenged about the claim that there is only One Way to God.

Why do you say there is only One Way?

What is the main difference between other religions' beliefs about salvation and Christianity's claims?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10, focusing on vv.8-9.

This verse might be a good verse to debate the merits of Christianity and to reject other religions' claims. But, how could you frame this truth as good news?

Who might need to hear this from you? How would you approach the topic?

Read John 1:29, John 14:6 and Galatians 1:9.

In light of these verses, why do some people still believe there are "many roads to the same mountain top?"

Many religions offer a works-oriented righteousness; many people are drawn to this. Why?

Why are some Christians drawn in to works, righteousness, or legalism?

What could be your response to those who believe there are “many roads to the same mountain top?” (hint: 1 Peter 3:15-16)

Read Romans 10:9.

Elaborate on two parts of this verse - “confess with your mouth...” and “believe in your heart...”. Explain their meaning.

How would you explain this verse to a non-Christian?

**Next Week’s Topic/Scripture:
Better Families (Series) - Moms**

1 Kings 17:7-14

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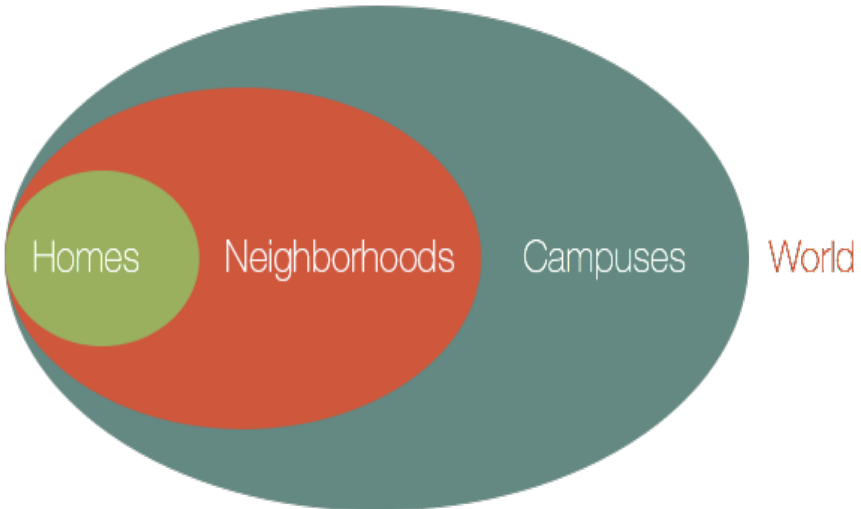
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Mission and Vision

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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