




THE COMPASS

Current Series



The Storyteller
Truth Hidden In Plain Sight

June 19, 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 Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: **TODAY**, 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



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

A DAY AT THE PARK

Black Forest Park
Kids ages 4yrs-4th grade

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*Happy
Father's Day!*

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR AN
IMPORTANT
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING ON
JULY 24. THE
BUDGET AND
BYLAWS WILL
BE PRESENTED.**

EXPLORE I

An Orientation of The Ascent

Woodmoor Campus: every 1st Sunday

Northgate Campus: TODAY, 11:30am

Join us for an introduction to
The Ascent Church!

No pre-registration required.

Preschool Day

July 18, 9am-12pm, Woodmoor Campus

A morning just for preschoolers (age 2-5 years old)! Crafts, snacks, worship and a visit from the Ritter Karavan. Leaders and helpers needed.

Register early on www.theascentchurch.com/kids.



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: \$21,131.34

As of 5/31/2016:

YTD Giving:	\$1,116,425
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$1,122,607
YTD Budget:	\$1,442,826

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving:	\$28,529
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: June 21, 28, Woodmoor Campus.

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

More information about upcoming events can be found at: www.theascentchurch.com.

ASM All Play BBQ: June 28, 6-8pm, Fox Run Park. BBQ, games, squid and more!

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

Children's Day at the Park:

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

24' slide, sports, crafts and more!

Register at: www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Preschool Day: July 18, 9am-12pm, Woodmoor Campus.

Join us for a morning just for preschoolers (potty trained, ages 2-5 years old). Animal theme with crafts, snack, worship, and a visit from the Kritter Karavan! Leaders and helpers needed. Free but families must register for this event. Space is limited, please register early: www.theascentchurch.com/kids.



Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

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

- Northgate: 10am
- Woodmoor: 11am

Questions about ASM, email: asm@theascentchurch.com.



Equipping Ministry

Equipping classes are offered at new times.

Connections Class:

Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Rm 213.

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

Women's and Men's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

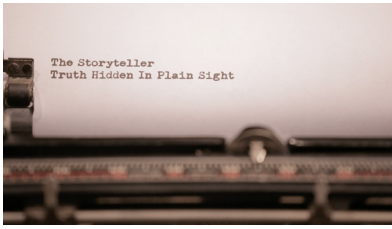
Tuesdays at 6:15am.

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

Women on The Ascent: Save the date for the next event on July 14!

Missions

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



Message Notes

Sermon Passages: Luke 18:9-14.



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 6/20/16 – 6/25/16: Luke 14:7-14.

Monday, June 20, 2016

Read: Luke 14:7-14.

Reflect:

Who do you identify with in the parable? One taking the place of honor inappropriately? One who shows up later and deserves the high place? One who invites friends, relatives, and rich neighbors? The poor, crippled, and blind who should receive an invitation?

Jesus is God, creator of the universe, King of kings. Why would He care about where people sit at the wedding feast? What spiritual concern lies behind the practical command to take the “lowest place” at the table?

What might Jesus be telling you about practical hospitality?

What might Jesus be telling you on a more spiritual level?

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

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Read: Luke 14:7-14 and Rom 12:3.

Reflect:

How do these two passages relate to one another?

Paul says not to think more highly of yourself than you ought. How highly should you think of yourself?

According to Luke 14:12, what's the danger in inviting friends, relatives, or rich neighbors over? Why would Jesus be disappointed if you are "repaid" for a generous act?

At the cross, Jesus committed the ultimate generous act that can never be repaid. Is there someone in your life to whom you can show generosity, even though you know they can't reciprocate?

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Read: Matthew 25:34-46.

Reflect:

What's the relationship between this story and the parable in Luke 14:7-14?

What do you think Jesus meant when He expressed, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"?

Why does the King reject those "on his left" (verses 42-45)?

The King blessed those who fed, clothed, and provided shelter for "the least of these brothers and sisters" of the King (v. 40). They didn't recognize they were doing it for the King, so why did the King decide to bless them?

Is there someone in your life who seems unlovable? Can you find a way to demonstrate the love of Jesus in his or her life?

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

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Read: Mark 10:35-45.

Reflect:

What does this passage have to do with the parable in Luke 14:7-14?

What does Jesus mean by the cup that He must drink? (See Mark 14:35-36 for a hint).

What does Jesus mean when He proclaims, “Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all” (10:43-44)?

Are there ways you can give up trying to be “great” and instead be a servant like Jesus? Or, by contrast, how do you think you are serving well?

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

Friday, June 24, 2016

Read: Luke 14:7-14 and Luke 10:30-35.

Reflect:

Why do you think Jesus wants you to invite “the crippled, the lame, and the blind” to eat with you?

How does this relate to the love the Samaritan showed in Jesus’ parable in Luke 10?

What is the value, according to these two passages, in showing love to someone you know cannot commit the same kind of act in return?

Who does “the crippled, the lame, and the blind” represent in your life? To whom can you show hospitality in the next week to obey Jesus’ command in these verses?

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

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Read: Luke 14:7-14 and Matthew 20:13-16.

Reflect:

How do these two passages relate to one another?

What is the “generosity” to which the landowner refers in Matthew 20:15?

Have you ever felt envious of the generosity God has shown to another person?

What can you do to show another person the kind of generosity God has shown you? Do you think you can show generosity as Jesus demands in Luke 14:12-14 and at the same time humble yourself as Jesus suggests in Luke 14:11?

Put some thought into the previous question and record two or three practical, achievable steps you can take in the next week to be both more generous and more humble.

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

Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week four of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps: intergenerational, adult study, mixed, invitation/service. Each week will have an intergenerational element (such as the meal); then there will be a focus for the meeting that follows the pattern and is attentive to God's Word and the age mix.

Prepare: Although Luke 14:7-14 seems to be a "to do" verse, it truly is a "change my heart" verse. Meditate on how God can be cultivating your heart to be as His, and open your eyes to see how you can care for the lowliest of people in your neighborhood.

Invitation/Service: You have a huge opportunity to live out God's love in your neighborhood. Challenge yourself to look for ways to serve those who have nothing to give in return. Invite a few folks from your Base Camp to join resources and share in this experience.

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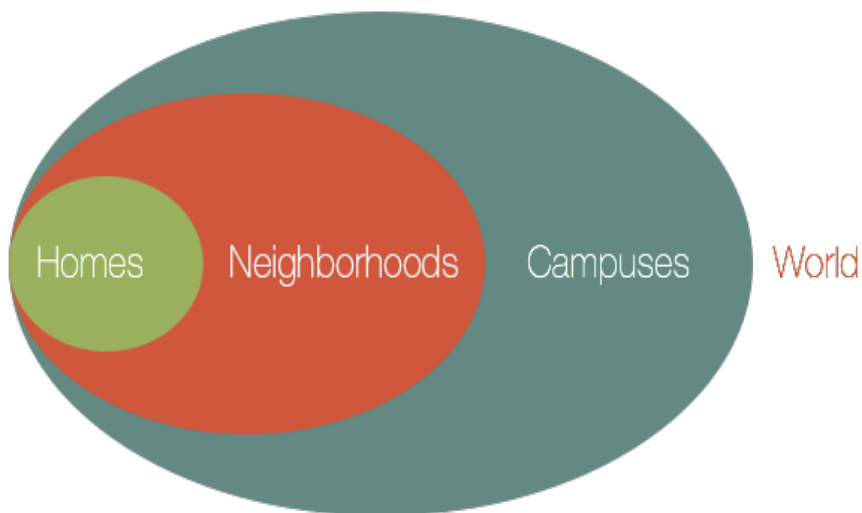
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Mission and Vision

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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