




# THE COMPASS

New Series



*The Storyteller*  
*Truth Hidden In Plain Sight*

April 10, 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 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 1st Sunday, 11:00 am in Rm 214.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 10:45 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 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 10:45am 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).

## Community Life



# WOMEN ON THE ASCENT

*"A TIME TO CONNECT"*

April 14, 6-7:30pm

Woodmoor Campus,  
Room 213

Grab a friend, bring an appetizer or  
dessert to share & arrive when you can.  
Questions, contact Staci Waldvogel at  
719-358-7222.

**THE CLASS  
OF**

**2016**

Come celebrate with ASM leaders and chat  
about this milestone over some grub!

[SIGN UP ASCENTCHURCH.COM/STUDENTS!](http://SIGNUP.ASCENTCHURCH.COM/STUDENTS!)

April 14th ▪ 7pm ▪ Buffalo Wild Wings

The Ascent  
Church

**PRAYER**

**for the Pastor  
Search Team**

Woodmoor Campus: 9:30am,  
Office Conference Room  
Northgate Campus:  
after service,  
TCA Conference Room

# 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: \$25,339.60**

As of 3/31/2015:

YTD Giving: \$912,856  
YTD Actual Expenses: \$886,050  
YTD Budget: \$1,109,866

Fiscal Year 2015-16:

Avg. Weekly Giving: \$30,428  
Avg. Weekly Budget: \$36,995  
Min. Weekly Need: \$31,620



## 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:** April 12, 19, 26, Woodmoor Campus.

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

**ASM Senior Hangout:** April 14 - High School Seniors hang out at Buffalo Wild Wings.

For more information visit: [www.theascentchurch.com/students](http://www.theascentchurch.com/students).

## Children's Ministry

(Birth—6th grade)

**Tiny Town:** Birth - PreK

**Adventure Quest:** K - 4th grade

**Elevate:** 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9:30 & 11:00am
- Northgate Campus: 9:30am

For more information about our Children's Programs, please visit: [www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids)



## Equipping Ministry

Classes are offered at various times on Sunday mornings.

**Connections Class:** Sundays, 9:15-10:30am, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 213.

**Catalyst Equipping Class:** Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 212.

**Parents of Teens Equipping Class:** Sundays, 11:00am, Woodmoor Rm. 210.

Email: [joel@theascentchurch.com](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).



## Ascent Student Ministry Deep

ASM Deep meets Sundays for middle and high schoolers.

**ASM DEEP Dates:** April 10, 17, 24 upstairs at both campuses.

- Northgate: 9:00am
- Woodmoor: 11:00am

Any questions about ASM, email: [asm@theascentchurch.com](mailto:asm@theascentchurch.com).

## Missions

Please pray for our Missions Teams who are preparing for their trips this summer 2016.

- Guatemala Missions Trip on July 16-23.
- Dominican Republic Missions Trip on July 2-9.

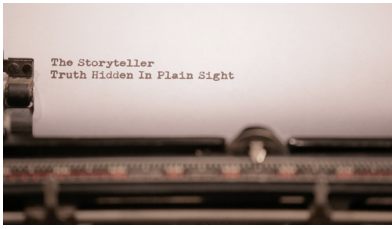
## Women's and Men's Ministries

**Men on the Ascent Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 6:15am, *Gospel of Mark* study.

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

**Women on The Ascent:** Please visit the website for a list of neighborhood and campus Bible Studies.

**"A Time to Connect":** April 14, 6-7:30pm, Woodmoor Campus Rm. 213. Bring an appetizer or dessert and join us for a fun evening! Questions, please email: [joel@theascentchurch.com](mailto:joel@theascentchurch.com).



## Message Notes

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Sermon Passages: Mark 4:33-34,  
Luke 6:46-49, Luke 14:25-35.



## **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 4/11/16–4/16/16:** Luke 19:12-27.

# Monday, April 11, 2016

**Read:** Luke 19:12-27 through several times in various Bible versions.

**Reflect:**

What do you think the main point of this parable is?

Who are the characters in this story? List all you see.

Draw a timeline of the story below. Identify key events.

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

Spend some time in quiet prayer with God. Ask Him to interpret this parable for you. Listen carefully for His response. Don't be afraid of the quiet while you wait to hear His voice.



## Tuesday, April 12, 2016

**Read:** Luke 19:12-27 and Matthew 25:14-30. Many believe these are two versions of the same parable.

**Reflect:**

What do you see as similarities and differences between these two parable accounts?

Do these differences change the main point of the parables? If so, how would you state the contrasts?

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

How might this parable apply to your life today?

## Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**Read:** Luke 19:12-27 and then record the parable in your own words, using the space below.

**Reflect:**

How is God using this parable to speak to you this week? Find a friend or member of your Base Camp and share what you have learned.

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

Spend time quietly listening to God after asking Him, "What do you want me to learn from this parable?"

## Thursday, April 14, 2016

**Read:** Luke 19:12-27.

**Reflect:**

Now that you have been looking at this parable for a few days, explore who Jesus might have been portraying in the story.

Who do you think was the *nobleman* in this story?

Who were the *servants* who were given the money?

Who were the *subjects* who didn't want the nobleman to be their king?

What do you think the *distant country* represented in the story?

Who was the third *servant*?

Has answering these questions given you a different perspective on the parable? Why or why not?

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

Who in the parable do you most relate to? Why?

## Friday, April 15, 2016

**Read:** Luke 19:12-27.

**Reflect:**

How does reading this parable in different versions give additional insight or questions for your study?

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

What resources or talents has God given you to use for His kingdom?

If God were to return today, what would you tell Him you have gained with the resources you have been given?

If you were given a chance to change how you are using the resources and talents God has given you, what would you change?

# Saturday, April 16, 2016

**Read:** Luke 19:12-27.

**Reflect:**

Look back on your notes from this week. Take time to ask God what He wants you to do differently after your study.

Put together an action plan for the coming month, practicing what you feel God is calling you to do. Put that plan somewhere visible so you will be reminded of it throughout the month.

Be prepared to share your plans with someone in your family or Base Camp and ask them to help you be accountable for putting the plan into action.

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

Take time today to prepare your heart for worship with fellow believers tomorrow. Ask God to use you in someone's life as you prepare to worship and respond to God's calling.

## Building Our Base Camp Family

This is week three 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:** Read Luke 19:12-27 as a group, and discuss what stands out to you.

***Keep in mind that your group is made of of different ages and experiences. God is present and wants to use each member of the group to speak into each others lives.***

### **Mixed:**

Share insights that have been gained from reading the passages this week.

How did God challenge you through the Compass this week, through this passage and through the message?

Take time to discuss how this passage relates to your life.

-What talents has God entrusted to you?

-How can you multiply those talents?

-What actions do you need to take in light of what you learned?

How can you, as a Base Camp, support one another in multiplying the talents God has given you?

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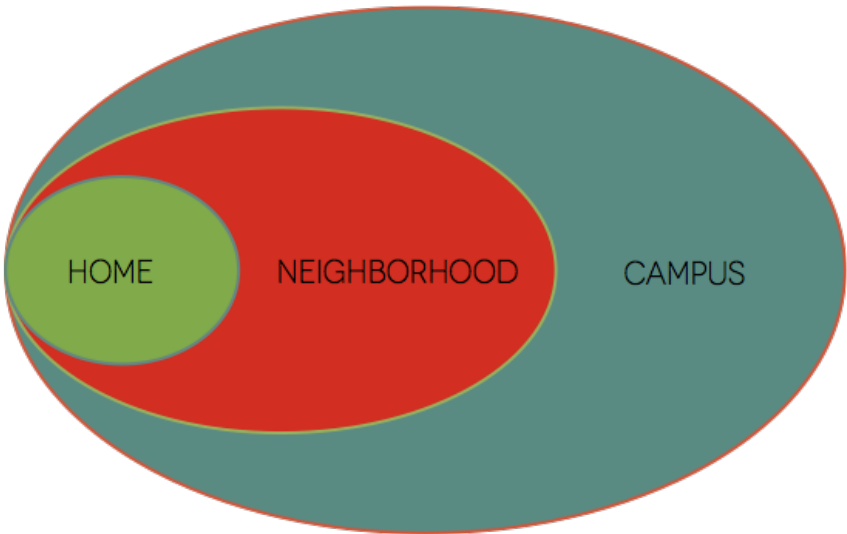
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# Mission and Vision

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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