



THE
COMPASS

This Sunday



June 11, 2017



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH



This Sunday's Message

“Better Marriages”

Sermon Notes:

Ephesians 5:22-33 (NIV)

If you want a better marriage, you must _____

Husband, **H**_____ your wife towards holiness

For the husband is the head...(verse 23)

...to make her holy...(verse 26)

Husband, **O**_____ display your love

...love your wives, just as Christ loved... (verse 25)

Husband, **N**_____ your soul-mate

He who loves his wife loves himself. (verse 28)

...feed and care for...(verse 29)

...as he loves himself...(verse 33)

Wife, **O**_____ your husband to God

...as you do to the Lord...(verse 22)

Wife, **R**_____ your husband's dignity

...the wife must respect her husband...(verse 33)

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. The next Explore II class will be held on June 20, 6-8pm at the Woodmoor Campus.



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



Summer Sundays at The Ascent



Tiny Town: June, July and August

Adventure Quest: June and August
(Family Services in July)

Preschool Day



Join us for the Kritter Karavan

Wednesday, August 2, 9am-12pm
Woodmoor Campus
Ages 2-5, potty-trained



Register at: www.theascentchurch.com

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.

Registration:
www.theascentchurch.com/5K



Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
June 13 and 20

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

www.theascentchurch.com/students

June 25 High School One Night - 6pm at Springs Church

June 27 Parent + Student Laser Tag - Open to high school and middle school families.

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: June 4 and 11.

- 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

Kids' Camp: Thank you to everyone who volunteered and brought in donations. The kids had a great time and Kids' Camp was a huge success because of you!



Equipping Ministry

Connections Class:
Sundays, 10:45am,

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

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

Men's and Women's Ministries

Men on the Ascent Bible Study:

MOTA will return after a summer break.

Please join us for the Men's Camping Trip, September 22-24, at the Lake Isabel, Spruce Group Campground. For more information and registration please visit:

www.theascentchurch.com/men

Women on the Ascent:

If you would like to contribute items for the Guatemala or Dominican Republic missions, please bring them to the missions' tables

Women on The Ascent will not be meeting in June. In July, Women on The Ascent will host a family potluck at the FamCamp on USAFA on Tuesday, July 18. Please bring a dish to share along with games, balls or even bikes. More details to come but save the date!

www.theascentchurch.com/women.



Called to serve?

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
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CONTACT JESSICA GREENE,
JESSICA@THEASCENTCHURCH.COM
TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP.



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

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.

Better Families Series “Marriages”

Ephesians 5:22-33

If you were not able to hear Pastor Rusty’s sermon, take some time to listen to it online.

Open your time of study today in prayer, asking God to show you how to apply the challenges from His Word.

There is nothing *American* about Ephesians 5:22-33. God’s perfect order for harmony in marriage and relationships flies in the face of American culture. Words like *submit* and *sacrifice* aren’t common in our modern narrative. As you read this passage, please ask God to open your heart to hear His still small voice. Pray you’ll have the courage to respond to Him through obedience in your life.

Read Ephesians 5:21. What does submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ mean to you?

Now read Ephesians 5:22-24. Paul provides guidance to wives that is essentially the same command given in verse 21, but it's in a more targeted relationship of marriage. In verse 22, what command is given to wives? Note it does not say all women are to submit to all men—rather, wives are to submit to their husbands. How is this command challenging?

Verse 23 provides the reason wives are to submit to their husbands. What reason is given?

Verse 24 provides an example for wives of what this type of submission should look like. What does this verse say, and what comparison is given?

Read Ephesians 5:25-30. Paul provides guidance to husbands in these five verses. What command is given to husbands? In what ways is this command challenging?

Paul uses verses 26-30 to explain how Christ provided an example of sacrificial love. What do these verses say about love and sacrifice?

Read Ephesians 5:31-33. What priority should the marriage relationship hold compared to other relationships?

As a group, discuss verse 33, including the balance and harmony that exists in relationships where love and respect are displayed.

**Next Week's Scriptures:
Better Families - "Dads"**

1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 6:4; Nehemiah 4:14; 1 Corinthians 16:13

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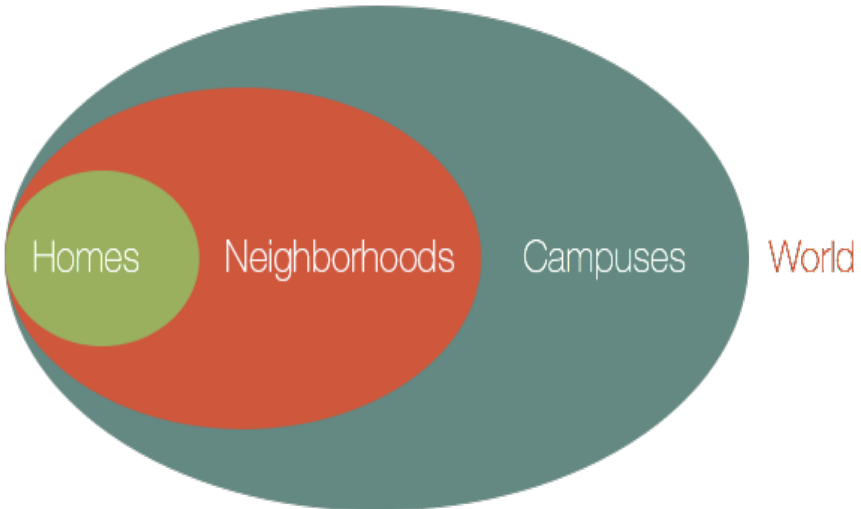
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Mission and Vision

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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