

THE
COMPASS



This Sunday



ephesians 3:14-21

March 12, 2017



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH



This Sunday's Message

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon Notes:

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.



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.



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.



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.

Community Life



Gleneagle and Struther's Corridor
Antelope Trails Elementary - 11am

Palmer Lake
Palmer Lake Town Hall - 10am

April 15

INVITE A NEIGHBOR
LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY

EGG HUNT

CANDY DONATIONS

FOR COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNTS

- *Collection bins will be available at each campus*
- *Please bring NUT FREE candy that will fit in a plastic egg*

Women
ON THE
Ascent



Women's Retreat

APRIL 7-9, 2017 - FRIDAY, 6PM-SUNDAY, 11AM
SPRING CANYON RETREAT CENTER

www.theascentchurch.com/women

Enough
Philippians 4:11 ESV

Melissa Maimone, Guest Speaker

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
March 14 and 21 for

MS and HS.

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

ASM Upcoming Events:

www.theascentchurch.com/students

ASM Deep

ASM DEEP Dates: March 12 and 19.

- 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: June 7-9, 2017, La Foret Event Center, Black Forest. Registration is now open at:

www.theascentchurch.com/kids.

Missions

For more information on upcoming mission trips to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, visit:
www.theascentchurch.com/missions.



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: Room 213
- Northgate: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza

Women on the Ascent Bible Studies:

- Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.
- WOTA Journey: I & II Corinthians, Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.

Women on the Ascent:

WOTA Retreat: April 7-9, Friday, 6pm-Sunday, 11am, Spring Canyon. Be refreshed and renewed in the mountains. Guest speaker will be Melissa Maimone. Register:
www.theascentchurch.com/women.

NORTHGATE

BREAKFAST MINISTRY

Sign up today to bless our Sunday
set-up team at Northgate.

Contact: david.krueger@q.com



Giving at The Ascent

Financial information can be
obtained by contacting Tara at
tara@theascentchurch.com.

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



Introduction to The Compass Devotions (on the following pages)

The Compass provides individuals, families, and Base Camps a Bible-centered tool to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, one another, their neighbors, and God's world. Daily study of God's word, prayer, and growth in the practices of the Christian faith provides God the opportunity to shape us as His people. The Compass begins on Monday, with each day's reflection anchored in the passage for the upcoming Sunday, providing the whole church shared preparation for worship and group life. Thank you to our team of writers and editors. For more information, contact Pastor Scott at scott@theascentchurch.com.

The Compass Passages for March 13 - 18, 2017:

Philippians 1

Monday, March 13, 2017

Read Philippians 1:1-8.

Reflect

Paul lived in community and in this case a “virtual” community with the believers in Philippi (a Roman colony). How essential is it for believers to live in community?

1. According to verse 4, Paul was in partnership in the gospel with the believers in Philippi. Who are your partners in your faith? Do you currently have significant, transparent relationships with other believers based on authentic dialogue?
2. In verse 6 Paul says, “he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ”. We are all a “work in progress” with Christ. Reflect back on your Christian journey. Recall at least 3 specific times that God showed His faithfulness to you through answered prayer. Recall 3 times of pruning and correction. What do these times of interaction with Christ convey about His work in you?
3. In verse 7, Paul describes how he shares in God’s grace with the believers in Philippi, whether in chains (prison) or defending and confirming the gospel (his purpose). How is it possible that Paul found God’s grace in both good and bad situations?
4. Pray for Godly friends. Ask God to bring significant friends of faith to encourage you.
5. Consider who in your life might benefit from your faith and partnership in the gospel. Reach out to at least one person God lays upon your heart. Pray in advance God will give you the wisdom and discernment to bring that person closer to Christ.

Tuesday, March 14, 2016

Read Philippians 1:9-11.

Reflect

How can love abound more in knowledge and depth?

1. In verses 9 and 10 Paul states, “your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you might be able to discern what is best and what may be pure and blameless”. Notice Paul doesn’t say study, good preaching or a study guide will help you abound in knowledge and depth of insight - but rather LOVE. How can a heart filled with the love of God bring about knowledge and depth of insight? How can seeking God’s love clarify your thinking?
2. Read Philippians 2:5, Proverbs 8:17 and Romans 8:37-39. What insights into God’s love do you find?
3. Read Romans 8:37-39. The most powerful insight you can gain is: NOTHING can separate you from God’s love. How can you apply this understanding of God’s love to your present circumstances?

Consider the writing - “God’s unfailing love for us is an objective fact affirmed over and over in the Scriptures. It is true whether we believe it or not. Our doubts do not destroy God’s love, nor does our faith create it. It originates in the very nature of God, who is love, and it flows to us through our union with His beloved Son.”

~ Jerry Bridges

Wednesday, March 15, 2016

Read Philippians 1:12-14.

Reflect

“Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged.”

1. In verse 12 Paul says, “what has happened to me (Paul has been arrested and is in prison) has really served to advance the gospel”. In what ways has God used the pain in your life to advance the gospel? Are you in a position to thank Him for using you in this way?
2. How does God use the “chains” in your life to encourage others to speak the Word of God more courageously?
3. Consider a time when you were encouraged through someone else’s trial. In what ways did that seem like a paradox to you? Pray that God helps you understand how he uses, “all things for good” (Romans 8:28) to advance His purpose.
4. Are you in a deep trial at the moment? If not, consider a time of trial from the past. Read the scripture, **“All the *trials in my life at the moment* are for my benefit, so that the grace that is extending to more and more people may overflow in thanksgiving, to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:15)** Pray this scripture several times and ask Him to help you **REALLY** believe it.

Thursday, March 16, 2016

Read Philippians 1:15-18.

Reflect

God can work through you even when your motives are not pure.

Often Christians can view the same circumstance and respond quite differently. You are often biased by your motives. Notice in verses 15-18 Paul is able to look past motives and focus on (versus 18) the important thing, “Christ is preached”.

Paul considered the preaching of the gospel the most important thing. Do you regularly allow God to use you to “preach Christ”? Can others see Christ and His hope of salvation in your life? If not, spend time today praying God will remove any barriers that prevent you from “preaching Christ”.

Friday, March 17, 2016

Read Philippians 1:18-26.

Reflect

To live is Christ and to die is gain (verse 21).

1. Read verses 18-21. In prison, Paul faced the stark reality that he might die. From where do you think Paul found the courage and resolve to face death calmly and truly rest in God's will.
2. Paul uses the passage from verses 18-26 to provide an uncommon view of JOY. Paul's circumstances were very fluid and laced with substantial uncertainty; yet through them he found JOY. Do you think Paul was delusional or insincere? Had his knowledge been shaped by love (referring back to Tuesday's lesson)?
3. Recall verses 4-5 (Monday's lesson) when Paul wrote, "I always pray with joy because of your partnership". How is God using other believers to help you joyfully pray and face circumstances in your life?
4. If you are feeling depleted at the moment and lacking joy, pray that God will help you focus on his love and the knowledge of his love would provide you insights in this season of trial.

Saturday, March 18, 2016

Read Philippians 1:27-30.

Reflect

Stand firm in one spirit (verse 27).

Paul ends Chapter 1 challenging his partners in Philippi to stand united with him without being frightened by opposition. Your country and community is in a time of deep division. Negativity, disrespect and anger surround you. Journal five ideas from your understanding of Philippians 1 that will help you stand firm in one spirit with other believers during this time of division. Pray God will show you ways to stand firm for Him, fully bathed in His love.

Building Our Base Camp Family

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

Prepare: Spend time in prayer together, asking God to prepare your hearts for His presence and wisdom.

Spend time reflecting on your week and what God has shared with each of you. Allow equal time for all age ranges to share and emphasize listening over giving answers or responses. Answer some of the following questions:

-How have you interacted with God through The Compass and quiet time this week?

-What stood out to you from the sermon? How will you live this out?

This week's study began and ended with the idea of community. How can we as a Base Camp be community?

How can we grow as an intergenerational community, serving and loving each other?

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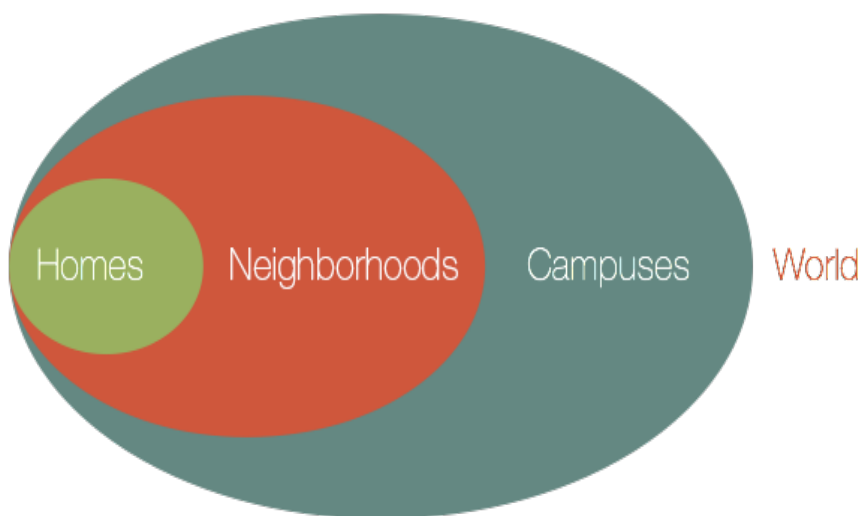
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Mission and Vision

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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