

THE
COMPASS



This Sunday



smile!
Philippians

March 19, 2017



THE
ASCENT
CHURCH



This Sunday's Message

Philippians I "Why the Apostles Smiled"

Sermon Notes:

Happiness: A _____ positive state based on _____.

Joy: A _____ state of _____ based on the _____ of God within.

Context of Philippians: _____.

Philippians 1:13 (NIV)

Philippians 1:29-30 (NIV)

Purpose of Philippians: To _____.

Philippians 1:25 (NIV)

The key to the Apostles' smiles. _____ !

Three Exercises Paul uses to trust:

1. The _____ of _____.

Philippians 1:1-3 (NIV)

2. The _____ of the _____.

Philippians 1:4-11 (NIV)

3. The _____ of _____.

Philippians 1:12-30 (NIV)

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: **Today**, 11:30 am in lobby.



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.



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.



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



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

The Ascent Church Library

The library, located on the 2nd floor at the Woodmoor Campus, is the "best kept secret" at The Ascent Church. We have Christian authors, a variety of young adult book series, and DVDs for younger children such as Veggie Tales, and Adventures in Odyssey. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer in the library as well. The library is open each Sunday from 10:00 - 11:00 am.



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

Ascent Student Ministries

Vision Meetings

Jesus loves students,
and students need Jesus

Woodmoor | 3.19.17 | 12:30pm | 216
Northgate | 3.26.17 | 11:45am | Student Lounge

MEDIA PLAY

High Schoolers
3.24.17 | 6pm
Board Games, Movies,
and Video Games
Woodmoor Campus Student
Center

Connection Opportunities *This Week*



Ascent Student Ministry

ASM Tuesday Dates:
March 21 and April 4,

11, 18, 25 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 19 and April 2, 9, 23, 30.

- 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.



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*



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 20 - 25, 2017:

Philippians 2

Monday, March 20, 2017

Read Philippians 2 several times. If possible, read the verse in different versions.

Reflect

What would you say is the primary theme of this chapter?

How would you outline this passage?

Spend some time allowing the passage to penetrate your mind. Ask God what He wants you to see in the passage this week.

Tuesday, March 21, 2016

Read Philippians 2:1-4. Go slowly and allow God's Word to influence your heart and mind.

Reflect

According to Paul's declarations in this passage, what are the benefits of knowing Christ?

Look up the definition of the word humility. How well does this definition portray what Paul describes as humility?

Take some time today to reflect on what it means to "value others above yourselves." Journal any significant thoughts that come to mind.

Wednesday, March 22, 2016

Read Philippians 2:5-11. Spend time thanking God for what Christ did for you by humbling Himself.

Reflect

Memorize today's passage. Review these words each day. This passage was thought to be a worship song the early church used to remind them of what Christ had done for them.

Verse 5 encourages you to have the same mindset as Jesus in your relationships with other people. Think about some of your most important relationships. How well are you modeling Christ's example in these?

Ask God to show you which relationships you need to make changes in so you more closely model Christ's humility.

What kind of changes do you need to make?

Thursday, March 23, 2016

Read Philippians 2:12-18. Notice the attitudes Paul focused on.

Reflect

What do you think is meant by the phrase “work out your salvation with fear and trembling”?

What are some things that cause you as a member of the body to lose your light in the community?

How would you contrast grumbling and argumentative attitudes with those of gladness and rejoicing?

What do you think Paul meant when he talked about being “poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith”?

How do you think Christ feels about the way you, as a member of the body of believers, live out your life within your community and neighborhood?

Friday, March 24, 2016

Read Philippians 2:19-30.

Reflect

Why does Paul seem to shift gears in this section of the passage?

List various examples in this section that illustrate the point Paul is trying to make about setting aside your own agenda to serve others.

Think about people you have encountered who model this principle. How are they viewed?

How do you think Jesus feels when He sees His followers applying His own example of putting other people ahead of Himself?

Saturday, March 25, 2016

Reflect

Glance through your notes from your study this week. What one or two things stood out for you from this study?

Ask God to show you how He wants you to put what you have learned into practice. List below what you hear from God.

Ask God to prepare your heart for whatever He has to say to you tomorrow at church.

As a way of wrapping up the week, write Philippians 2:6-11 below, and read it aloud to yourself. If you have memorized this passage, recite it from memory.

Building Our Base Camp Family

Come together: As you gather, or during your mealtime, share with each other something that brought you joy this week. Include all ages in this discussion. Then engage in adult discussion (plan a meaningful activity for the kids).

Read: Read Philippians 2 aloud in your group.

Reflect: In verse 2, Paul writes of “making my joy complete by being like-minded.” How does he say this is to be accomplished?

What does it mean to consider someone “better than yourselves” (v. 3)? What are some practical ways to demonstrate this in your life?

In what ways did Jesus humble Himself? Who in your life demonstrates this sort of humility?

Read verse 14 again. Describe how you feel when you hear these words. Now read verses 14-15. How would the life of The Ascent and your community be changed if you lived like this?

What causes you to lose your light in the community? How do you believe Jesus feels about the way you live out your life in your neighborhood?

Respond: In the upcoming week, what actions could you take to live out what you read in this chapter? How can you be “glad and rejoice,” even when it’s difficult (verses 17-18)? Why is this response important?

Pray: Close in prayer, thanking Jesus for humbling Himself for you, even to death on a cross. Pray that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord. Pray that you will “shine like stars” in a sin-darkened world.

Resources utilized: *Serendipity Bible*. 1996. Edited by L. Coleman. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan

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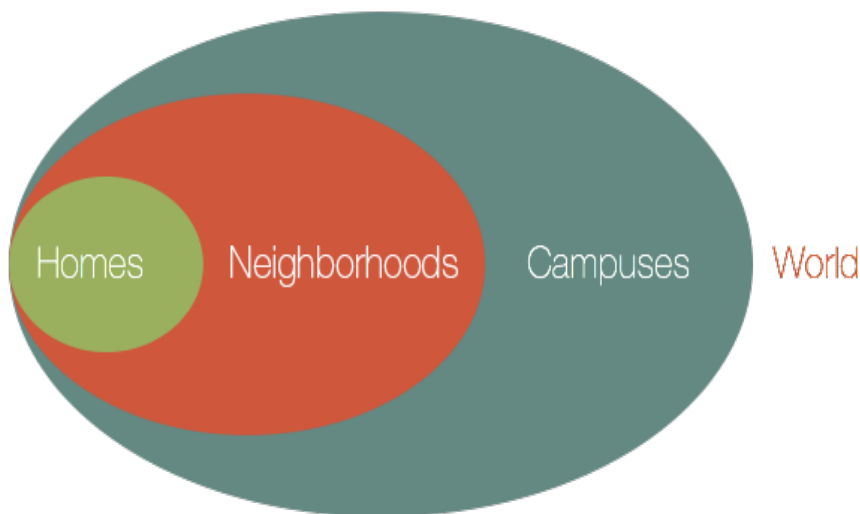
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Mission and Vision

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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