

# Welcome to Manna Church! We are Glad You are Here!

## What to Expect On a Typical Sunday

The worship experience at Manna Church lasts approximately 70-75 minutes. It begins with a time of worship and a brief period of announcements, followed by a biblical and practical message delivered by one of our pastors. Service concludes with another short time of worship and prayer.

## Connection Card

If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—we just want to thank you for joining us today and to let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

## Free Gift for First-Time Guests

If it is your first time with us, we have a gift available for you in the lobby at the end of service. We simply want to give you a gift to thank you for being with us today!

## Small Groups

Manna Church is not a church with small groups; we are a small groups church. On Sundays, we gather corporately to be inspired by the presence and Word of God. However, friendships, discipleship, and growth primarily happen in the context of a small group. You can find a list of available Small Groups to join by going on our website, [cos.manna.church](http://cos.manna.church), and clicking on the "Connect" tab.

## Manna Kids

We strive to provide a clean and safe environment where children can experience and enjoy the love of Jesus. The Nursery/Preschool experience is available for kids 6 weeks through 5 years old, and the Elementary experience is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We would love to have your child join us!

## Manna Students

If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, come join us for Manna Students on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Manna Church Offices! We meet weekly during the small group cycle for games, worship, biblical teachings, and small groups! We hope you will join us!

## Ways to Give

For a safe and secure way to give to Manna Church, scan the QR Code. Here, you can schedule a one-time gift or establish and manage a recurring gift through the Online Portal.



## Pizza With the Pastor

Whether you're visiting for the first time or have been part of Manna Church for a while, Pizza with the Pastor is a fantastic way to get connected and learn more about the mission and vision of the church. Join us on the first Sunday of every month at 5:00 P.M. at the Manna Church Offices (1580 E. Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd) for an evening with our pastors and staff. You can register online or at the Info Center in the main lobby! Childcare is provided.

## Growth Track

The Manna Church Growth Track is a series of small groups designed to facilitate your growth as a healthy, effective follower of Jesus Christ. Wherever you are in your journey, the Growth Track can equip you to fully experience your calling in God and your part in impacting your world. Sign up for NextStep by going online or registering at our Info Center Table in the Main Lobby.

FirstStep. In FirstStep, you will discover what a balanced, integrated, and healthy life of a disciple of Jesus looks like, specifically within the context of Manna Church. *Meets the first 4 Mondays of every month from 6:30p-8p. Scan the QR code to join.*



NextStep. NextStep is here for you to learn about Manna Church's Mission, Vision, and Values. You'll discover who we are, why we're here, where we're going, and how you can get connected while exploring God's unique purpose for your life. *Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Harrison High School Library.*

LeaderStep. LeaderStep prepares you to lead at Manna Church in areas such as small groups or serve teams. Built on our 12 Operational Principles, LeaderStep fosters spiritual growth, authentic relationships, and Kingdom impact, helping you discover how God can use you to make a difference. (Must have completed NextStep). *Meets quarterly throughout the year. Check the Manna Church Colorado Springs website or ask anyone at our Info Center Table for dates and details.*

## Sermon Discussion Questions

Take the message deeper this week! We've created questions for your own personal devotional time and for rich conversation in your small group. Find them by scanning the QR code and clicking on "Sermon Notes."





## 2 Timothy 2:14-19

2 Timothy 2:14-18 (ESV) - Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.

2 Timothy 2:23 (ESV) - Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

1 Timothy 1:3-4 (ESV) - As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 (ESV) - If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

### Four Question Filter

Does it \_\_\_\_\_ sound \_\_\_\_\_?

Does it \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ more?

Does it \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ more?

Does it \_\_\_\_\_ to be more effective in your \_\_\_\_\_?

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

- **Read it** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Interpret it** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Share it** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Live it** \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Timothy 2:19 (ESV) - But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

Notes:

## **Personal Reflection**

### **Truth vs. Distraction**

What kinds of arguments, debates, or online voices most distract you from growing spiritually?

How can you better focus on truth that strengthens your faith instead of controversies that weaken it?

### **God's Approval vs. People's Approval**

In what areas of your life do you most seek the approval of others instead of God?

How would your choices change if you lived more fully for an "Audience of One"?

### **Handling God's Word**

How consistent are you in reading and learning Scripture for yourself?

What is one step you can take to better understand and apply God's Word this week?

### **Living the Truth**

Where is there a gap between what you believe and how you live?

What is one area where God may be calling you to greater obedience?

### **Spiritual Fruit**

What kind of spiritual fruit do you see growing in your life right now?

If someone observed your life closely, what evidence would they see that you belong to Jesus?

## **Small Group Reflection**

### **Sound Doctrine vs. Foolish Controversies**

Why do foolish controversies so easily divide Christians today?

How can we learn to stand firm on truth without becoming argumentative?

### **First, Second, and Third Tier Issues**

Why is it important to distinguish between essential doctrines and personal preferences?

How can Christians disagree on secondary issues while maintaining unity?

### **Rightly Handling Scripture**

What does it mean practically to "rightly handle the word of truth"?

How can we help each other grow in understanding and applying Scripture?

### **Knowledge vs. Obedience**

Why is it easy for knowledge to outpace obedience in the Christian life?

What helps move truth from information into transformation?

### **Guarding Faith & Encouraging Others**

How can false teaching or careless theology harm people's faith?

How can this group help strengthen each other in truth and godly living?