

# 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!

## Get the Church Center App

Scan the QR Code to download the Church Center App to get connected to all of our Small Groups, register for upcoming events, and more!



## 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."





1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 (ESV) - Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control,[a] lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

The first key is your \_\_\_\_\_.

- This key unlocks the door to eternal life and determines \_\_\_\_\_ you will spend eternity.

John 3: 16 (ESV) - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Ephesians 2: 8-9 (ESV) - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

The second key is your \_\_\_\_\_.

- This key unlocks the door to eternal rewards and determines \_\_\_\_\_ you will spend eternity.

Matthew 16: 27 (ESV) - For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father and then He will repay each person according to what he has done.

2 Corinthians 5: 10 (ESV) - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Luke 6: 22-23 (ESV) - "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

1 Corinthians 3: 13-15 (ESV) - each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

### How Can We Make Eternal Investments?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 12: 33 (ESV) - Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

Luke 14: 13-14 (ESV) - But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11: 6 (ESV) - And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 6: 17-18 (ESV) - But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

4. Leaving friends & family for \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 10: 29-30 (ESV) - Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Revelation 22: 12 (ESV) - Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompence with Me, to repay each one for what he has done.

John 4: 32, 34b (ESV) - I have food to eat that you do not know about. 34b My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work.

- We are living \_\_\_\_\_ the dot...however, we're living \_\_\_\_\_ the rope.

## Personal Reflection

### Living for Eternity

Are you primarily living for "the dot" (this life) or "the rope" (eternity)? What reveals that in your daily priorities?

If Jesus evaluated how you've invested your time, talents, and resources today, what would bring Him joy?

### Salvation and Reward

Why is it important to distinguish between salvation as a free gift and eternal rewards that follow faithful obedience?

How does understanding this difference change your motivation for serving God?

### Making Eternal Investments

Which of the sermon's examples (generosity, prayer, fasting, serving, sacrifice, mission) challenges you the most? Why?

What is one practical way you can begin making a greater eternal investment this week?

### Surrendering to God's Call

Is there anything God may be asking you to surrender in order to more fully pursue His purposes?

What fears or comforts make obedience difficult for you?

### Running Your Race

Paul compares the Christian life to a race. What distractions are keeping you from running with greater purpose and endurance?

What would it look like for you to "run to obtain the prize" in this current season of life?

## Small Group Reflection

### The Dot and the Rope

How did the "dot vs. rope" illustration reshape your perspective on life and eternity?

What are some practical ways believers can intentionally keep eternity in view during ordinary life?

### Eternal Rewards

Why do you think Jesus spoke so often about eternal rewards?

How can we pursue heavenly rewards without falling into a works-based mindset?

### Investing in God's Kingdom

Which of the four areas of eternal investment (giving, prayer, fasting, or sacrifice for the Kingdom) do you think Christians most often neglect? Why?

Share an example of someone whose life has inspired you to live more sacrificially for God's Kingdom.

### Following Jesus Wholeheartedly

Jesus called His followers to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. What does that practically look like in today's culture?

How can we encourage one another to value God's Kingdom above comfort, success, or personal ambition?

### Finishing Well

Jesus lived to accomplish the Father's work, and Paul finished his race faithfully. What does "finishing well" look like for a believer today?

As a group, how can we help each other faithfully run the race God has marked out for us?