

A Daily Devotional for Lent

During the 40 days of Lent, we encourage you to start each morning by spending some time alone with God. The process centers around scripture and a corresponding chapter in Wayne Gordon's book *Who is My Neighbor?* As we journey through Lent together, talk about neighbors, and hear people's stories, these morning devotions will help you prepare for your call by making space for God's voice.

About the Book:

Who Is My Neighbor? Lessons Learned From a Man Left for Dead by Wayne Gordon (ISBN-13 #978-0830757657) is a good resource for conversation. It expands the idea of "neighbor" into 40 easy-to-read chapters, each with a different focus. Chances are, you'll find things you agree with and things you disagree with in this book, and that's great! Enjoy it, wrestle with it, ask questions of it, and let it inform your role as "neighbor" with the people in your life.

How to Use This Guide:

The questions will be the same for each day, but your answers will change based on the subject of the chapter and the scripture. The list of suggested readings is on pages 5-6 of this guide. You may find it helpful to use a notebook alongside this guide so you can record your answers and observations as you go. You may also want to write or highlight key ideas directly in your book.

Listen

- Read the chapter for today. It's short, so take your time. You may even consider reading with a notebook, pen, and highlighter handy.
- Read the scripture passage for today, then consider the following questions.
- In the context of "neighbors," what stands out to you from this passage?
- What is God saying to you about being a neighbor?

Reflect

- What stood out to you in this chapter?
- What questions arose for you as you read?
- How does this chapter connect to today's scripture?
- Where have you seen this kind of need before? What did you do?
- Have you ever been the person with this kind of need? How did that change your perspective?
- How can you be open to this type of neighbor?

Respond

- What action can you take today?
- Take a few minutes to pray. Ask God to open your heart to your neighbors. Offer thanks to God for faithfulness, grace, and love for everyone.
- Share your story at MiddletownChristian.org/hearmystory or by using #MCChearMyStory.

Date	Chapter	Scripture
Wed. March 1	1	Luke 10:25-37
Thurs. March 2	2	Matthew 8:14-17
Fri. March 3	3	Mark 10:46-52
Sat. March 4	4	Luke 8:43-48
Sun. March 5		Luke 10:25-37
Mon. March 6	5	Genesis 27:30-38
Tues. March 7	6	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43
Wed. March 8	7	Luke 8:26-37
Thurs. March 9	8	Mark 7:31-37
Fri. March 10	9	John 4:1-42
Sat. March 11	10	Luke 24:13-35
Sun. March 12		John 4:1-42
Mon. March 13	11	Matthew 27:28-30
Tues. March 14	12	Mark 15:21-24
Wed. March 15	13	Mark 9:14-29
Thurs. March 16	14	Luke 5:18-25
Fri. March 17	15	John 5:1-8
Sat. March 18	16	Matthew 8:1-4
Sunday, March 19		Luke 5:18-25
Mon. March 20	17	Acts 17:16-34
Tues. March 21	18	Mark 12:41-44
Wed. March 22	19	John 8:1-11
Thurs. March 23	20	Luke 16:19-31
Fri. March 24	21	Luke 17:11-19
Sat. March 25	22	Luke 7:11-17
Sunday, March 26		Acts 17:16-34
Mon. March 27	23	Matthew 15:21-28
Tues. March 28	24	Luke 14:1-6
Wed. March 29	25	Mark 10:17-27
Thurs. March 30	26	Luke 19:1-10
Fri. March 31	27	Luke 7:36-50
Sat. April 1	28	Matthew 12:9-14
Sun. April 2		Luke 7:36-50
Mon. April 3	29	Matthew 19:13-15
Tues. April 4	30	Matthew 25:31-46
Wed. April 5	31	Luke 13:10-17
Thurs. April 6	32	Mark 4:35-41
Fri. April 7	33	Luke 14:15-24
Sat. April 8	34	John 3:1-21
Sun. April 9		Matthew 25:31-46
Mon. April 10	35	Matthew 8:5-13
Tues. April 11	36	Luke 22:54-62
Wed. April 12	37	John 6:1-14
Thurs. April 13	38	Acts 8:26-40
Fri. April 14	39	Luke 23:39-43
Sat. April 15	40	Matthew 16:24-26
Sunday, April 16		Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen!