



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 22	Title:	Who is my neighbor?
Author	Ps Au Wai Ching		
Summary of Chapter	This chapter is about the Pharisees and Sadducees asking Jesus some difficult questions and Jesus was able to answer them all.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<p><i>Matthew 22:37-39. "Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"</i></p>	<p>I recall the time when I was tested positive for COVID-19 and hospitalized at NCID in Feb this year. I was stricken with high fever and pneumonia, isolated from everyone and my family was under home quarantine. I was too sick to pray or even answer the many WhatsApp messages on my phone. I was worried for my life and wondered why God had allowed this to happen to me and my family. But I hung on to God. I listened to Christian songs every morning and was reminded of God's character. He is good, kind and loving.</p> <p>Many people prayed for me, and some of them even fasted. Still others, brought food, snacks and beverages to me. Church friends helped buy groceries and food for my family. I was a beneficiary of many acts of kindness and love. Like what is said in the second commandment, they became my neighbors who loved me as they loved themselves.</p> <p>When I started to recover after the 10th day at NCID, I said to myself, I have received much love from friends and loved ones. How can I now make a difference in the lives of those who have been attending to me day in and day out? How can I become their neighbor? So I started greeting the nurses and thanking them loudly whenever they came to attend to me. I spoke words of encouragement to them and it warmed my heart to see their eyes light up with joy.</p> <p>And after my discharge from NCID, I wrote a card of appreciation to thank the medical team for helping me in my journey of recovery. I am given a new lease of life, and I want to serve the Lord my God, and love Him with all my heart, soul and mind!</p> <p>Is there someone whom you can demonstrate love and kindness to, today? Who is your neighbor today whom you should love?</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Do you see the needs of your neighbor? What is one act of kindness you can do for your neighbor?
Youth:	Do you know of someone who needs encouragement? Would you write a card or send the person a message to encourage him or her?
Child:	Is there a classmate in your class who needs to know Jesus? Is there someone who needs encouragement? Would you draw on a card and write a verse to encourage your classmate/s?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you that You have done the greatest act of love for us by dying on the cross for our sins. We want to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind. Help us also to love our neighbor as ourselves, by doing acts of love and kindness to them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.