

NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH

*Transforming Your Congregation
into a Powerhouse for Mission*

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SERMON SCRIPTURE IDEAS
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SERMON SCRIPTURE IDEAS

Below you will find Scripture suggestions for each chapter of *Neighborhood Church* to help you develop a sermon to further engage your congregation in their study of the book. You can find a study guide for the book, along with other resources at <http://www.pcusastore.com/NeighborhoodChurch>.

CHAPTER 1: COMMUNAL CONVERSION

- **Matthew 6:25-34**—Do not be anxious and trust in the abundance of God
- **Acts 10:1-48**—Peter and Cornelius, focusing on how the “other” becomes one of “us”

CHAPTER 2: THE DNA OF LISTENING

- **John 4:1-42**—When Jesus listened to the woman at the well and she listened to Jesus
- **John 3:1-21**—When Nicodemus has a hard time listening to Jesus and he can only grasp literal meaning when Jesus is trying to get him to listen more deeply

CHAPTER 3: TRANSFORMING PARTNERSHIP

- **Mark 7:24-30**—The faith of the Syrophenician woman changes Jesus’ idea about his own mission
- **Acts 17:16-34**—Paul’s mission is transformed as he encounters more and more Gentiles willing to follow Jesus: what began as a mission to Jews, becomes a mission to non-Jews

CHAPTER 4: INTEGRATING OUR SPACE

- **Joshua 2:1-24**—Rahab and the spies, where there is a blending of self-interest in a mutually beneficial agreement: Rahab wants to save her family, the spies want to avoid detection, and they share space and both achieve their purpose
- **I Kings 17:8-24**—Elijah and the widow, where the widow and her son need food, Elijah needs to avoid the wrath of Jezebel, and both are served by their mutual offering of their gifts

CHAPTER 5: SUSTAINING THE VISION

- **Acts 2:43-47**—Worship sustained the commitment to the common life of the early believers, and is the same today
- **I Timothy 4:6-16**—Paul’s leadership development of Timothy (other examples could also be drawn upon such as Lydia, Priscilla, and Aquilla)