

Love Is The Way

Session 4 – Adult Sunday School – May 3, 2026

Can love really change the world?

Read Chapter 4 – What Desmond Tutu and Dolly Parton Have in Common

1. Pg 72 – “Midnight in the social order is the moment in the process of change when the conflict intensifies to the point that it could go either way. Midnight is the darkest hour. No one knew what would happen.”
2. Pg 73 – “The language of a dream is the language of hope. It is the language of reality being changed by a new possibility.” ... “Dreams are love’s visions – the boundless faith that the world can be remade to look more like what God hoped for his creation.”
3. What do Desmond Tutu and Dolly Parton (the many, many others) have in common? Do we share something in common with all of them?
4. “Dreamers may get dismissed as fanciful, ethereal, or naïve but history proves that dreamers possess a certain tenacity. They’re people who refuse to accept and acquiesce to the way things are and instead pray and work for the way things could be. How are you a dreamer? What are the visions and dreams you are holding with tenacity?” [from Love Is The Way discussion guide, Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC].
5. Do you see any evidence that the way of love can work in changing you, your community, your country, the world?
6. Pg 89 and 90 – does the description of Jesus as a master strategist make sense to you? In what ways? Paul’s admonition to “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good”. Curry says this is a tall order – people are constantly struggling with the question “How do I stop myself from reacting in anger? How do I stay with love?”
7. Pg 91 to 94 – MLK’s Ten Commandments of Non-Violence. How can these principles guide us as we try to address the challenges of our world today?