

Love Is The Way

Session 5 – Adult Sunday School – May 10, 2026

Won't loving everybody make me a doormat?

Read Chapter 5 – Love's Call and Love's Calling

1. Pgs 95 and 96 – “If I open the door to love’s call, will I end up the doormat? ... If I’m focused on the needs of others, won’t I lose myself? Should I keep toxic and abusive people in my life at the expense of my own well-being?” “The answer to all of these questions is *no*.” Repeat: NO. “Unselfish, sacrificial living isn’t about ignoring or denying or destroying yourself. It’s about discovering your true self – the self that looks like God – and living life from that grounding.”
2. Pgs 97 to 105 – Curry’s growing up and college experiences as influences on his decisions to attend seminary and not law school. Do you have experiences in your life that guided you in one direction rather than another? How have your choices affected your growth in recognizing and developing God’s love in your life?
3. Pg 114 – Maya Angelou’s poem “On the Pulse of the Morning” – wisdom on facing and living with difficult aspects of our history. How can we incorporate this wisdom in dealing with challenges we face today regarding difficult aspects of our history and how we have arrived at our current situations?
4. Pgs 116 and 117 – “Selflessly pursuing your calling doesn’t always lead a person to serve others directly”. ... “When you discover your nature and live into it, self-love radiates. Others feel it and benefit from it. Your joy gives you an energy that helps you love others as yourself.”
5. What is God calling us to do as a church to show God’s love to our neighbors? How can we help our sister churches in Woburn and Medford be God’s presence in their communities? Should we do more to support various ministry efforts by the national and global Methodist Church (Native American ministries, support for African seminary students, UMCOR)?