

# Love Is The Way

Session 7 – Adult Sunday School – May 24, 2026

*I'm told to love my neighbor, but who is my neighbor?*

*What if love reveals me to be a hypocrite?*

Read Chapter 7 – Leave No One Behind and Chapter 8 – When the Spirit Reworks You

1. Pgs 140 to 143 – Curry's story of meeting Eva, a holocaust survivor, and reality of the horror hitting him in the face and gut. "That tattoo was who and what she was to her captors. A number. A think. An object. An "it". That number rendered her as an "it". And when a person, a human child of God, my sister, my brother, my siblings, becomes an "it" to society or any of its members, then the unthinkable becomes thinkable and the horrible possible. That's how someone sit by while evil is done." How do we and our culture view some people as "its"?
2. Pg 145 – "The Bible says that "God is love". The God who is love created every human child in God's image, of infinite worth and dignity. "Everybody is God's somebody." This means that the answer to the key question of this chapter – who is your neighbor? – is anybody and everybody. ... There shall be no "Its".
3. Pg 145 – William Temple, a former archbishop of Canterbury ... is now for saying that the church is the only society that doesn't exist for the good of its members." Do you think this is true of today's churches and religions? Was it true of churches and religions at various times in the past?
4. Pgs 146 to 151 and 151 to 160 – Curry's story of his church in Baltimore and outreach to the neighborhood, street corner preaching, and experience with Eddie. "Each step of the way, progress came because one person became committed and brought others along. And in time this [progress] became part of our life as a church." Is this how progress occurs in our church and community? How do you/we define progress?
5. Pgs 166 to 184 – Curry's story of his becoming bishop in North Carolina and his challenges with gay rights and the treatment and acceptance of LGBTG people by and within the church. Where are we today as a church, community and country? How will progress continue? How will God continue to rework us?