

# Traveling the Way of Love



## Special Episode: GO

*“And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.”*

-Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

As Jesus went to the highways and byways, he sends us beyond our circles and comfort to witness to the love, justice, and truth of God with our lips and with our lives. We go to listen with humility and to join God in healing a hurting world. We go to become Beloved Community, a people reconciled in love with God and one another.

In this special episode of Traveling the Way of Love, we visit with the Tsedaqah community and others from Liverpool Cathedral in England. The participants – Nelson Pike of The Episcopal Church’s Young Adult Service Corps, the Rev. Nana Akwasi Kessie of the Diocese of Kumasi in Ghana, and the Rev. Canon Malcolm Rogers MBE of the Diocese of Liverpool – tell us a bit more about what it has meant for them to practice their Christian understanding of Going, whether that has entailed crossing an enormous ocean or a quaint cobblestone street.

As we explore the beautiful city of Liverpool, we learn a bit about its history and delve into why reconciliation and trust are so integral to our spiritual lives. As our catechism explains, “The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.” Because that mission is carried out by all the baptized, each of us is then charged with pursuing restoration and unity in our varied and diverse contexts. This is not easy work in our lives, our congregations, or our nations! Still, as Nelson explains, “It’s not supposed to be easy. Jesus never told us it would be easy. And while it’s not easy, it is good.”

As you watch this special episode of Traveling the Way of Love, we invite you to think deeply about how you can begin building a strong and living rule of life. To which practice based on Going – crossing boundaries, listening deeply, and living like Jesus – can you commit for one week? After a week, how can you continue growing this spiritual strength?

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**After watching this special episode, consider engaging the practice of Go by taking one or more of these suggested actions when it is possible to do so:**

## **GETTING STARTED**

### **Individual**

Is there someone in your life with whom you do not get along or often disagree? Find a way to engage that person with respect, curiosity, and hope.

### **Small Group**

Read or watch the local news. As a group, identify a situation where others' pain most breaks your heart. As a group, find a concrete way to join in the work of healing.

### **Congregation**

Pick a place where your congregation will show up to listen to and love those who are hungry, lonely, sick, in prison, or in need. Work with community organizers to host or join an event.

## **GOING DEEPER**

### **Individual**

Participate in a reconciling practice, such as training for racial healing/anti-racism, nonviolence, refugee advocacy, or StorySharing.

### **Small Group**

As a group, prayerfully choose a group or ministry that is doing reconciling work (racial, creation care, economic, political) of some kind, and volunteer with it quarterly.

### **Congregation**

As a congregation, identify the justice concern that is closest to your hearts. Find a concrete way to join in the work of healing.

Find more information and suggestions on how to grow in this practice at [iam.ec/explore.go](http://iam.ec/explore.go).