

# Reflection Guide

## The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry: Season 2, Episode 3

### Learning to Meet People Where They Are

#### How to Use This Guide

##### For personal devotion

Listen to the podcast episode one or two times. Next, set aside 20 minutes of quiet time to reflect on the following Scripture and questions. Consider writing your responses to the prompts in a journal. Close your time in prayer.

##### As a group

Before you meet, ask members to listen to this episode. Open your meeting by sharing the Scripture. Next, you may either listen to the episode again as a group or move on to the Questions for Reflection. As a group, discuss your thoughts about and answers to the questions. Finally, close your time together with the prayer.

#### Scripture

**Take a moment to read and reflect on the Scripture. What word or phrase stands out to you? What might the Holy Spirit be saying to you through this passage?**

##### Luke 17:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; <sup>21</sup>nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

#### Questions for Reflection

**Use these questions for personal reflection, group discussion, or both.**

1. Presiding Bishop Curry begins this episode by sharing a common question with guest Jerusalem Greer: “What can parents do to re-engage their adult children with church or faith?” Greer suggests that, perhaps, parents could begin by sharing the story of their own faith journey with their children – to be “bold and brave” in sharing why their relationship with Jesus and their faith matter to them. Whose personal stories or life of faith have impacted your journey?
2. Both Jerusalem Greer and the second guest, Patricia Lyons, discuss about the importance of language when engaging with others around topics of faith. Greer talks

about finding out what the “language of the heart” might be for others by looking at how they spend their time. Lyons talks about her experience learning to speak the language of Harry Potter in order to connect more deeply with her students as she looked for ways to help them see God’s presence all around. What “languages” have you learned to show love more fully to someone in your life? What language could God be calling you or your church to speak in order to better connect with the community around you?

3. Using our Baptismal Covenant and Luke 17:20-21, Lyons reminds us that, as Christians, we are not called to “put Christ into” people or every situation. Rather, our call is to learn how to recognize and name that Christ already is in every person and in everything. How could this posture change how you read Scripture, sing songs, do household chores, talk to your coworkers, care for creation, and interact with your family? How would your approach be different if you saw Christ in each person and every situation?

#### Prayer

**Ms. Charlotte Johnson, Book of Prayers from the United Thank Offering, p. 127**

Give it a name  
When, meeting eye to eye,  
a spark of recognition passes,  
between strangers,  
The something there is Jesus.

Sing out with joy  
when music fills the empty space  
beyond all words,  
The sound is Jesus.

When poets tell the truth,  
as poets do with words  
that touch the heart,  
Remember,  
They speak the breath of Jesus.