

# Becoming Like Jesus (week 3)

## Loving Others Compassionately

### Questions and Food for Thought

Start with this historic prayer:

### Confession: Book of Common Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Questions:

1. Notice the verses about not loving God and loving neighbors in the middle of the prayer. What are your thoughts and feelings as you consider them? Do you struggle in these areas? Do you identify?
2. In what ways have you failed to love God? Even just this week?
3. Consider again the second great commandment from [Mt 22:39](#) - "And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor **as yourself.**" What do you find most difficult in the call to love others as yourself?
4. How do you think God may want you to show love for others? Is there something you feel God may be calling you to do this week? This month?

Other verses to ponder:

### [John 13:34](#)

- "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

### [John 15:12](#)

- My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

### [1 John 3:23](#)

- And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.