

Love As Jesus Loved

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. Have you ever participated in a meal around the table that resonated with you and others as a church-like experience? How could you facilitate this kind of communion meal?
2. Do you feel like you need to have all the answers before you can come to Jesus? What prevents you from coming to Jesus?
3. How does your ecclesia treat visitors or non-members? How can we communicate God's loving-kindness to anyone that enters church spaces? What practical barriers can we remove to eliminate any "us vs them" mentality from our church community?
4. Do you avoid inviting non-members to your church services? What are your fears/ motivations?
5. How can you move from a place of empathy, sympathy, and pity into a state of compassion?
6. Have you ever been the recipient of compassion? What did you learn from that experience?
7. The author illustrates how the compassion of Jesus led to action, specifically to healing. He touched the broken, provided healing to the sick, fed the hungry, listened to the vulnerable, and reached out. What compassionate actions could you take today to lighten the burden of the people around you?
8. What would it take for you to make a sustainable, commitment to compassion?