



Discussion and Prayer Guide January 17, 2021

Read: Matthew 3:13-17, Hebrews 2:5-18

Ask:

- How did Jesus' baptism "fulfill all righteousness"
- Why did Jesus need to identify in sinful humans in order to save them?
- In what ways has your sin contributed to the mess and brokenness of the world?
- How does Jesus stepping into the mess and sin of human experience encourage you? How should we respond?
- What principles for loving and ministering to others do we see in Jesus' willingness to identify with us?
- Are you more likely to criticize others from a distance or get close to them and identify with them?

Pray:

- Praise Jesus for being willing to identify with us and step into our mess and sin in order to save us
- Confess that we often lack a true awareness of our own sin and how it has defiled God's good world
- Confess that we often criticize others from a distance rather than drawing near to them in love
- Ask God to help us repent of our own sin in light of his incredible love and grace
- Ask God to help us draw near to sinners in love to draw them toward repentance rather than criticizing them from afar