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- What hinders you from believing that Jesus is compassionate? What might help you to see it?
- What is Jesus' analysis of the situation of the people he saw? What would he see if he looked at you, or the people you know? What hinders you from seeing people the way that Jesus does?
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