**8. A Wholestic People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you have called us to life together, to a common meal, and to corporate prayer, yet we confess that we have become more comfortable with life on our own.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that we have held tight to the gifts, talents, and possessions you have given us to steward rather than looking for meaningful ways to give them away.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that arewe have looked to our own needs only rather thanbroadening our perspective to the needs of the whole.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**9. A Good News People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that we’ve been drawn to You by the Good News of Jesus Christ, yet we confess that we have missed chances to be bearers of Your Good News to others.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that with the Good News comes both blessing and responsibility; we confess that at time we have hoarded the blessing and skirted the responsibility.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that the live in a convenience-minded culture and we confess that we have often chosen convenience over the challenging work of walking in the way of Jesus.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Confessions**

**1. A Praying People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you are the source of all things, yet we confess that we have not always turned to you in times of need, but rather we have turned to ourselves and we have found ourselves lacking.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** We know we have promised to pray for one another, yet we confess that more often than we would like to admit we have not followed through with our commitment.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** We know that we are sinners in need of your grace, yet we confess that we have not spoken of our sins to You or to each other and we have avoided opportunities to be authentic with our own needs.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**2. An Accepting People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that at times we have disrespected other people simply because they were different from ourselves.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that we have limited our charity and decided that some people are not worthy of an experience of Your blessings.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that all people are worthy of our protection, attention and care, yet we confess that we have not given proper dignity to all life and looked on some people as “expendable.”

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**3. A Respectful People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that at times you call each of us to expressions of leadership, yet we confess that have skirted our own responsibility and burdened our leaders with expectations that far outweigh their ability.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that at times we have disrespected our leaders and tried to manipulate situations that are beyond our ability to control.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, You are the God who sees and knows all things and has ultimate control, yet we confess that at times we have questioned Your wisdom in giving leadership and influence to certain people or groups.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**4. An Encouraging People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that we often find it easier to laugh at the expense of other than to enter into another person’s pain and struggle.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you have called us to follow Jesus on the narrow path characterized by selflessness and sacrifice, yet we confess that our default mode in relationships is to take the easy path.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you are calling us to a more active role of an encourager, yet we confess that we are more comfortable with the passive role of observer.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**5. A Focused People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that we have exalted the immature sinner rather than the seasoned saint.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that we have majored on the minors and minored on the majors.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you have called us to engage in face to face relationships, yet we confess that when faced with a concern, complaint, or a simple curiosity we would rather go behind someone’s back and engage in gossip than to address the issues head on.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**6. A Harmonious People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you have called us to love our enemies, yet we confess that we struggle to show love those whom we genuinely love.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation, yet we confess that we would rather run away from situations laden with conflict, disagreement, and strife.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that conflict is a part of life, yet we confess that we have allowed disagreements, division, and contention to hamper our involvement in living out Your mission in this world through Your Church.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**7. A Forgiving People**

**Pastors:** Lord, we confess that we have often looked at forgiving others, ourselves, and You as something optional.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you have called us to forgive others, yet we confess that we have harbored resentment toward others and held back forgiveness in an effort to maintain a false sense of control.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!

**Pastors:** Lord, we know that you have offered forgiveness to us in Jesus and expect us to pass forgiveness on without hesitation, yet we confess that sometimes we find forgiving others, ourselves, and even You, God, very difficult to do.

**Unison:** Lord, have mercy on us!