

## **February 16 – Living The King’s Hospitality**

Monday, February 17

Happy Monday, this week we are practicing Living the King’s Hospitality. I don’t think there is any clearer example of Jesus’s lifestyle of hospitality than what we see in Mark 2. Jesus saw Levi (or Matthew) at the tax collectors booth and called him – an evil tax collector – to be one of his very own disciples. Then, Jesus hosted a dinner party at Matthew’s house with tax collectors and other people who had been labeled “sinners”. They were outsiders – and not the kind of people welcomed at a religious leaders’ tables. But hospitality is all about making outsiders, insiders. Responding to the judgmental comments of the Pharisees and teachers of the law, Jesus said, “It’s not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” If these are the kinds of people Jesus invites to his banquet – who should we invite to ours? How would Jesus’s kingdom be different if we all really practiced this kind of hospitality! This has been a message of the Church of Christ at Jenks Ave. – Developing Lifestyles of a church of Christ on Mission. – God bless you and have a great day!