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Living the King's Hospitality is less threatening both to outsiders and insiders. When we hear the Great Commission "Go Make Disciples" it almost sounds forceful – like we are supposed to go tell people what they must do. If all we had was the Great Commission by itself, this would make sense. But we have the gospels to see how Jesus made disciples and we have the book of Acts to watch Jesus' disciples make disciples. And nowhere do we see them forcefully shoving the gospel down people's throats. Instead, over and over, we see incredible hospitality – Jesus inviting people to his table in his places, Paul going into synagogues in foreign cities in their places, Peter visiting Cornelius, Paul and Silas at the home of a jailor. Aquilla and Priscilla inviting Apollos to their home. None of it was forceful – all of it was hospitable. Gentle invitation became just a way of life. When the church shows the King's kind of hospitality to each other and outsiders, we follow Jesus's less threatening demonstration of the Great Commission. 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!