#### A Matthew Party Mark 2:13-17

#### Lesson #1

In a culture of hostility and separation, Jesus welcomes all as friends.

#### Lesson #2

## There is unseen power in the act of sharing a table.

# Hospitality

"philoxenia" **philo xenia** (love) (stranger)

"love of the stranger/foreigner"

# Hospitality

#### hospes or hospital (Latin)

"a home for strangers" A place of healing

### There is a link between being welcomed and being healed.

#### We are to be "given to hospitality" Romans 12:13

"Use hospitality one to another without grudging" 1 Peter 4:8-9

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers" Hebrews 13:2

#### Lesson #2

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#### **People are lonely.**

40% of Americans have 0 confidants What did hospitality look like in Jesus' day?

•They lived in simple, tiny homes.

- •They ate simple meals.
- It usually involved extended time.

# Hospitality

**Core practice** 

for anyone who is a follower of Jesus

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#### Lesson #3

#### The Gospel (good news of Jesus) breaks down walls of division.

### Think about throwing a "Matthew Party." Take a step toward hospitality.



#### You already eat. Do it with others. Open your home and your heart for community.