

September 8, 2024 "Eating with Sinners" Rick Raines rraines@fairmountcc.org

This month we are considering some of the "renegade" actions of Jesus.

His ways are **<u>different</u>** from the world's ways – He sets the **<u>pattern</u>** for us.

In Jesus' day, there were some people you weren't supposed to <u>eat with</u>.

## Matthew 9:10-13

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Sharing a meal is a **simple**, yet **profound** form of **fellowship**.

Jesus would eat with **anyone**. So **should we**.

The example of the meal **<u>extends</u>** far beyond.

## <u>Romans 12:16</u>

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Be a renegade – enjoy <u>fellowship with all</u>.