

## **Dinner with the Women of the Spanish Church**

My friend Carol is the wife of the pastor to a Spanish church. This church is a brand new ministry of the church my family attends. Carol ministers to the women of the church and has been looking for an idea to connect with the women in a special and meaningful way. I offered to host a nice dinner for the women at my home on Monday, November 28.

Carol sent out the invitation, and 15 beautiful women came to my home for dinner, a short Bible teaching from Carol on the woman at the well, and great conversation—in Spanish! I studied Spanish all the way through grade school and even at university, but I am very rusty. I did a lot of quiet listening, trying to follow what each woman was saying. They shared stories of preparing for citizenship, husbands who don't know Christ, the death of a beloved son, and the many ways they have seen God's work in their lives.

Although there was a separation because of our language, there was immediate connection because of Christ. One woman even shared with me that she could feel the Holy Spirit in that place. Their love and friendship was quick and full.

The women made plans to begin a Bible study in two weeks, and I hope to attend regularly so I can not only improve my Spanish but build deeper friendships with these wonderful women.