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TE QUIERO

 (I LOVE YOU) 

| FAITH DISCUSSION GUIDE |



Discussion Guide

It is God's promise to you that as you continue to love each other and seek His wisdom in your relationship, He will reveal Himself to you in beautiful ways. Be sure to have your Bible handy to look up scripture. If you don't have access to one, check out the Bible Gateway app available on your Apple or Android device. For a custom Date Night In Box - Faith playlist featuring Christian artists, visit datenightinbox.com/faith.

As you enjoy your Te Quiero Date Night In, use this discussion guide to grow and strengthen your faith. Your date night in experience introduced you to Mexican folk art, delicious Mexican foods, and a story that reminds us to keep life simple! In this faith guide issue, you will learn about the first Mexican Protestant (converted from Roman Catholicism).

In 1853, a gentleman from Peralta, New Mexico, named Ambrosio Gonzales, met a missionary from Independence, Missouri. Ambrosio was given his first bible, translated in Spanish, during this encounter. He later referred to the bible as a "life changing gift" and a "charm".

Gonzales devoured the scriptures, reading the entire book of Genesis and part of the Gospel of John in his first evening. The Word of God awakened "spiritual taste buds" in Gonzales and he could not be silent. His love of scripture combined with the power of the Holy Spirit made him a bold witness. In the age of catholicism where witnessing for Christ was made even more difficult by the tension of the Mexican-American War (1846-1848), this man of faith began to share the gospel with others in New Mexico. With the help of missionaries, he grew a small congregation of 14 to 42 congregants in just a few years. Ambrosio Gonzales paved the way for other Latino men and women to become bold witnesses too.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have you ever read the word of God and felt an urgency to share the message with others? Did you share the message? If you didn't, why not? If you did, what was the result?
- In what ways has the Word of God been life changing for you?
- In regards to your scripture reading, how would you rate yourself?

Great - I read my Bible daily

Fair - I read my Bible a few times a week

Needs Improvement - I need to set a goal for reading it more

READ-DISCUSS-EXPLORE

Read the scriptures aloud and share your perspectives, then head to datenightinbox.com/faith and click on the web link provided for each verse to read a theological explanation.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. . ."

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

God's word is life. It is life to our mind and soul. It is the only thing that is able to keep us satisfied. Spiritual nourishment is crucial for us to live our best life. It is what our heart longs for and nothing else will meet its need.

A PRAYER FOR YOU TO SAY TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your mercy and grace. We confess that we often fall short and fail to be courageous in our witness. We thank You for the scriptures that guide, comfort, and sustain our spirit. Help us to be diligent in our quest to know You. We pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken us and open our hearts to receive and know Your truth. Lord, we thank You for bold Christians like Ambrosio Gonzales. We pray for missionaries all over the world. Grant them Your strength please. We pray for those who, like Gonzales, find themselves in difficult circumstances in which to do Your work. May Your name be glorified throughout the world.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

