



Our Mission and Purpose

A *Christmas Story* is a beautiful banquet style dinner where women can share an evening of connection and celebration of the Christmas season, but our hope is that it will be so much more. This is also an outreach focused event intended to provide an opportunity for you to bring your friends, co-workers, and family to a festive evening where they can experience God and His love for them. We will be hearing stories about how God has touched the lives of women today and women of old. Our desire is that you and your guests will leave having taken one step closer in your relationship with God.

Colossians 4:2-3 reminds us to *devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray ...that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.*

We are challenged over and over again in the Bible to be aware or watchful of opportunities to share God's truth. A *Christmas Story* is an opportunity for you to invite those who may not know God or may be struggling in their faith to an event that will challenge them to think about what they believe.

It will be warm and welcoming and we will present the greatest gift that has ever been given of Christ's loving sacrifice for us. We then challenge you to continue the conversation that evening or at a later time to delve deeply into the lives of your guests to discover their thoughts or beliefs and to share your story of how God has worked in your life.

You may be given an opportunity to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ's saving grace. Or, you may be given an opportunity to plant the seeds of His message of love in the heart of someone you care about or invite them to Sunday worship service. Or, you may be blessed to see the seeds of faith already planted come to full bloom. What an exciting opportunity!

Does that sound scary? We understand. But, what if you get out of your comfort zone and God uses you, yes you, to bring eternal life to someone? Wow! But to do that, you must start the conversation. You must share your story. We challenge you to pray about who God is prompting you to invite. Is there someone who comes to mind right away? Remember that young women over the age of 12 are welcome and that women who are alone, new to this country, or just new to Austin might enjoy an invitation.

Christmas is about a story, the story of God giving the ultimate gift of His son for us. It is a love story full of passion and struggle and ultimately sacrifice. Join us as we give the true gift of Christmas to the ones we love, the gift of God's love for us.