

Iron Rose Sister Ministries' Vision and Core Values

Vision: Iron Rose Sister Ministries' vision is to equip women to connect to God and one another more deeply. We fulfill this primarily across the Americas in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and bilingual contexts.

Foundational principles from the Bible:

- Women and men were both created in God's image (Ge 1:27).
- God values women and their relationships with Him.
 - o God saw Hagar in her brokenness (Ge 16:13).
 - Women sat at Jesus' feet to listen and learn from the Rabbi (Mary and Martha, Lk 10:38-42).
- For the sake of the gospel, we seek to be "all things to all people that we might win some." We are constant learners, intentional about being a Jew amongst the Jews and a gringa amongst the gringos (1 Co 9:19-23).
- We strive to be an equipping ministry and not a stumbling block (Ro 14:1-10; 1 Co 6:12; Mt 18:6-9).

To effectively carry out the mission God has given us, we find it important to affirm:

- 1. We are a resource with extensive experience in women's ministry across worldwide contexts. We commit to partnering with a hosting group to know how to best implement our equipping strategies, while respecting the local culture (church, country/region, or language).
- 2. "It's all about relationship" is an expression used to remind us of the foundational, relational nature of how we accomplish our vision amongst one other and on a congregational or individual level.
- 3. We submit to the local leadership in every congregation or organization with whom we partner.
- 4. We remain faithful to the message of the gospel but may adjust methods to be most relevant to the local language or culture.
- 5. If there is ever any doubt or question of practice, we will err on the side of a more conservative approach.
- 6. When representing Iron Rose Sister Ministries, whether speaking for the ministry or in expressing personal interpretations or your local church practices, we do not answer the question about where we stand on women's roles. It is an inherently divisive topic that tends to be polarizing. We prefer to focus on what God *has* called us to do and be: faithful to the vision He has given us as Iron Rose Sister Ministries.