Cool testimony from this semester, family! -- This past semester the ladies of King Street and the ladies of Hemphill all had it in our hearts to have simple church with our friends who didn't know Jesus.. but were hungry enough to have a beer and read Jesus stories with us. We felt like Spider House would be a good spot for our crew. At the beginning of the semester, God told us He was going to do cool things and we just needed to invite our friends and show up.   
  
So, every Thursday night at 7 PM at Spider House we showed up drank a beverage and read a story about Jesus in the Gospels. Some weeks several friends came.. but most weeks it was a few of us and a girl named Sarah. Roxanne, who was friends with Sarah growing up, invited her at the start of the semester. One of the first weeks, Sarah showed up and we read the woman at the well story. "I usually hate the bible... but I connect with this story..." were Sarah's first words. She proceeded to share profound truths she was pulling from the story... while Holy Spirit wrecked all of us. Sarah also opened up from the start about her own life and hardships and ways she was connecting with the stories we were reading.   
  
Sarah had had some bad experiences in church and a devastating experience on a long-term mission trip. But week after week without fail, Sarah came to church at Spider House. Gradually we watched as Jesus revealed himself to Sarah for who He really is... and not who she had grown up thinking He was. Eventually she began to text us when she needed prayer... and pray for us too. Also eventually, she would ask to facilitate our time by choosing the story for the night and leading the discussion... and she did. Every week was real and raw. So went our Thursday nights.  
  
A few weeks ago, Sarah came by King St. "I wanted to thank you all. You have showed me unconditional love. You have shown be Jesus." We got to share with Sarah how God had led us to do Spider House church. He had promised us he was going to do cool things. He had her specifically in mind, I told her.   
  
Sarah encountered Jesus this semester... through His word and through His disciples. She is hungry to keep perusing him. She has had some really hard things happen, some deep hurts in life, and she is still overcoming emotional and mental struggles. Continue to pray for freedom to come to fullness in every area of her life! She wants it to.   
  
Glory to Jesus! He loves transforming lives!!