

# Learning to listen, listening to learn

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As we ate, the couple shared about their various holidays and festivals. The father explained why Hindu people revere and respect the cow. He said that just as a human mother is the one who keeps her child alive with her milk, the cow keeps humans alive with its milk. Thus, they revere the cow as a sort of sacred 'mother' figure.

While I certainly do not agree with venerating a cow, I now have a better understanding about why Hindu people do. It was fascinating to hear from this family about their own lives, culture and religion.

The more we stop and listen—and genuinely care—the more we are able to share about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's amazing how God provides opportunities as we slow down and look for where the Holy Spirit is working.

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