



TASTE Reflection Questions
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Never Hunger, Never Thirst
Mike Tenney

*And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age. ~ Matthew 28:20*



1. What did you find most interesting about this talk?

2. Mike Tenney said that it is tempting to make things that are not God into God. He suggested that we ask ourselves the following question in two ways: a) When _____ is going well, my life is going well and b) When _____ is not going well, my life is not going well. He said that for each of us, something in our life that **TEMPTS** us to worship it becomes our idol because we think that if we just had more of it, then we would be happy and good.

- What did you fill in the blank?
- Can you see how you may be worshiping it over God?
- What can you do to re-prioritize things in your life to make God #1?

3. Mike Tenney said that sometimes we “**DEAL**” or “**BARGAIN**” with God in spite of the fact that we have a loving God for whom we do not have to beg or barter. Simply by looking at the cross, we know that He gives it all for us. Moreover, our God is not high & detached to be adored from us from afar. His name is Emmanuel — meaning “God with us.” Understanding all of this, we should give Him praise because when we thank Him, it resets our priorities.

- Knowing that our PRAISE determines our priorities, how can I remember to always give God praise and thanks at the beginning of my prayers?
- Do I tend to pray prayers of PETITION as though I am bargaining with God? If so, how? (e.g., offering good things such as novena, rosaries, more daily mass, donations to the poor, and/or scripture reading in exchange for His attention and our desired action)?
- How can I remember God is NOT TRANSACTIONAL as He always wants and gives the best for me and that He gives me BREAD from Heaven as the Sacrament of Love?
- What are some ways that I can have SPIRITUAL communion to experience God with me during the day?

4. Mike Tenney highlighted four levels to **EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**.

- **OBLIGATION** — The bare minimum such as going to Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation.
- **PERSON DEVOTION** — Our participation at the Mass by paying attention, reading the readings ahead of time, reflecting on the homily or the readings. Our personal devotion can extend beyond Mass.
- **EUCCHARISTIC FAMILY** — Don’t just GO to church, BE the church! Reach out in the sign of peace and sing in unity with others. Get involved in the parish family where you can actively share your faith.
- **MISSION** — When we are dismissed from Mass, we are called to “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” During Mass, we RECEIVE the living bread. When we leave, we BECOME Bread for others. We do this by helping others, particularly the poor.

- Which of these levels do you feel you are doing well? Give some specific examples.
- Which would you like to improve? What specific actions can you take this week to be more dedicated?