



TASTE Reflection Questions
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World Day of the Poor

Tim Deveney and
Lisa Peacock



Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry ~ Padre Pio

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

2. **TIM DEVENEY** talked about how Unbound: A) supports Catholic Social Teaching, B) has 5 Pillars, and C) leverages a Poverty Stoplight (see next page for details)

- Regarding A, were you familiar with the concept of Subsidiarity? How do you feel about it?
- Regarding B, what did you think about Unbound empowering women to make decisions & their role in the family?
- Regarding C, how do you feel about the unique approach to achieve success using the poverty stoplight?

3. **LISA PEACOCK** began her talk by describing Jesus' life as being marked by poverty and His command that we should be His hands and feet in this world. She then shared her personal involvement with Unbound that went far beyond simply providing resources to a sponsored child, but enabled a personal relationship with her sponsored child and his family.

- Have you ever thought of Jesus as someone needing help? Discuss.
- What are some activities that you do to be Jesus' hands and feet in this world? Any thoughts of new ones?
- What did you think of her description of the Unbound Awareness Mission Trip?
- How were you inspired by her relationship with her sponsored child and his family?

4. **BOTH TIM AND LISA** talked about the benefits of sponsoring a child or an elder.

- Had you already sponsored a child before this talk? If so, with which organization & what is your involvement?
- How did you feel about this program's unique approach to helping others and their minimal overhead?
- Did this talk encourage you to sponsor a child or an elder? How did you select them?

Tim Deveney is the Sr. Director of Outreach for [Unbound](#), which is a highly personalized, international sponsorship program based in Kansas City, Kansas. He began his talk speaking about his own sponsored child, Yeimi, who is the same age as his daughter. Over the years, they have exchanged letters and their families have met in person.

Global Need — Nearly 700 million people live on less than \$2.15 per day. 333 million children live in extreme poverty. Children are more than twice as likely as adults to live in extreme poverty. Since 1981, Unbound has helped people like you partner with families on their paths out of poverty.

Background — In 1981, Unbound was launched in Kansas City by 5 lay Catholics including 4 siblings (Bob, Bud, and Jim Hentzen, their sister Nadine Pearce) and their friend Jerry Tolle. In 2021, they reached cumulative assistance of \$2 billion sent to our programs around the world. In 2023, [Jonathan Roumie](#) (The Chosen actor playing Jesus) sponsored Unbound's one millionth recipient of good will, fostering a friendship like the other pairs of sponsors and their "friends."

Catholic Social Teaching — is supported by Unbound in 4 ways:

- Dignity of the human person
- Solidarity — treating every human person as a brother or sister and taking responsibility for their good — not just feeling compassion, but acting on it
- Working for the common good
- Subsidiarity — letting smaller, local groups do what they are capable of doing vs. being overridden by larger powers. Yet still allowing higher levels to step in when the lower level cannot reasonably address the problem.

Effective Stewardship — Direct cash benefits + personalized support = a proven method to break the cycle of poverty. 91.1% of the donations go directly to program support; 3.9% is for administration and 5% is for fund-raising.

Walking with Families — In 1996, Bob Hentzen, walked 4,000 miles from Unbound's headquarters in Kansas City to Guatemala. In 2009, Bob's second walk began, journeying through 12 countries in Central and South America over 18 months. Bob walked to show the families served by Unbound that they were not alone.

Mission / Vision — Their mission is to support families and communities worldwide on their self-directed paths out of poverty. Their vision is to build a world free from poverty where all people have access to resources, community support and the ability to make decisions that improve their lives and uphold human dignity.

5 Pillars — of the Unbound Program:

- Eliminate Poverty — through economic support and goal setting
- Empower Women — through dignified work and decision making
- Advance Education — through resources and motivation
- Build Community — through groups of mutual support & community-driven development projects
- Promote Well-being of All Ages — through older adult inclusion of psycho-social supports.

Poverty Spotlight — is a method to achieve the following:

- Communities define poverty
- Families assess themselves
- Families choose their own goals
- Radically decentralized approach to development
- Impact tracking from family to global levels

Sponsor — a child, a student, or an elder — or support Unbound in other ways.

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Lisa Peacock began by discussing Pope Leo XIV's Message for 9th World Day of the Poor called [You Are My Hope](#) from [Psalm 71](#). She reminded us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life — from his humble birth, to his exile in Egypt, and throughout His life. And He calls us to be His hands and feet in this broken world.

The Unbound Program — Like Tim, she shared how this program started small, but quickly grew to have a global impact. She reminded us that not only the sponsored child, but the child's family becomes part of the Unbound community. Mothers or guardians of sponsored children join small support groups and often become leaders by serving their communities and planning program activities. Specifically, she reinforced the point that the "moms know best" what is needed. The child's family prioritizes what they need most and how they will use the financial support provided to them by the Unbound Program. Local staff, including social workers, listen and identify how Unbound can help them achieve their goals. Families typically prioritize education and needs like food, housing, and health care.

Her Personal Involvement — Lisa talked about her Unbound awareness trip in which an Unbound Priest celebrated Mass each day and how they adored and received the same suffering Christ. She told the story of when she met her sponsored child for the first time. She visited Benjamin's home with his mom, dad, and two younger sisters. On the wall of his room were the many photos that Lisa and her family sent him over the years. Lisa described how sponsorship leads to relationships by walking alongside the poor which reveals our own poverty.