

End of Term Debriefing Questions

Introduction: These questions can be used as a guide for self-reflection or for a debriefer to help someone process their experiences in ministry at any significant transition point (e.g., end of term, end of service, end of a significant project). It may be that not every question applies so the person may pick and choose the questions that are most relevant for their situation.

1. What were the highlights of your ministry?
2. Identify the area or areas in which you struggled the most.
3. What was the greatest hardship that you encountered?
4. What was the greatest fulfillment for you during your time overseas?
5. If you were to have the whole experience over again, what would you do differently?
6. Perhaps you have already done some things to contribute to the closure process. As you reflect now, what other things would help you to have a good closure?
7. What do you anticipate will be the hardest part of re-entry for you when you return to your home culture?
8. What or who will help you to navigate the re-entry process?
9. What have you learned from this time in ministry that has helped you understand God's future plan for your life?
10. How have your dreams and visions of God's leading in your life changed since this experience? Do you have any new dreams or visions of God's leading in your life that you would like to share?
11. Spiritual gifts. What is your understanding now of your giftedness and what God is inviting you to do?
12. What are you looking forward to as you think about your future?