

Am I Ready
for Missions?

How Do I Know if I'm Ready for Missions?

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you.

Luke 14:28-29

Jesus said a lot of radical things during his time on earth, but in Luke 14, he settled in for a moment of plain common sense: People who jump into things before they're ready frequently live to regret it.

In the missions world, we like to celebrate passion, risk-taking and people who refuse to listen to the naysayers. But all of that works best when we've prayerfully looked at where we are in life and what roadblocks we might face as we head out on our journey.

How to Use This Assessment

The questions on the following pages are designed to help you assess your missions readiness. As you answer them, we invite you to be brutally honest, praying through each one and discussing them with a mentor, pastor or TEAM missions coach when you're done.

As a flawed human being, you'll never be fully ready for mid- to long-term missions. But we hope that by identifying strengths, weaknesses and circumstances, you'll be able to make wise decisions regarding them and, ultimately, serve God with a healthy perspective on life and ministry.

As you continue to think about these questions,

we invite you continue praying over them, too. Praise the Lord for the things he's revealed to you, ask for clarity on the things that still seem hazy and continue to seek his wisdom on what your next steps should be.

These kinds of decisions are usually best made with the support and insight of brothers and sisters in Christ, so invite your church to join you as you seek the Lord. And if you want more guidance on how to wisely approach missions, be sure to get in touch with a TEAM missions coach at mobilization@team.org.

Ultimately, remember that God uses broken vessels to proclaim his name and bring him glory. At home or abroad, God will use you for his service, and he will be faithful to complete the good work he has started in you.