

Experience is a hard teacher because it gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.

~ Vernon Sanders Law

Certainly, travel is more than seeing the sights; it is a change that goes deep and permanent, in the ideas of the living.

~ Miriam Beard

For further reflection...

What are some of your dreams for your future?

Session Two: Re-entry Reflection:

There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have been altered.

~ Nelson Mandela

1. What three words describe who you were before you left for your Study Abroad?

2. What changes have you noticed in yourself? How would you describe any transformations that you have personally felt?

3. What are the little things that you could do, or are doing regularly, to keep your experience abroad alive? Are there any new learnings or practices that you have continued? How are you supporting the changed perspective that you might have experienced?

Vocation:

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

~ Frederick Buechner

4. How would you say your faith has been challenged through this experience? In what ways? What might you have learned through your experience with a different faith?

5. How has your experience abroad led you to discover more of your vocation? Who is it that you feel you are being called to be? What are you being called to do?

6. What would you say is the most profound learning that you 'take away' from your experience abroad?

Be patient toward all that is unresolved in your heart, and try to live the questions themselves. Do not now seek the answers that cannot be given you, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will gradually without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.

~ Ranier Maria Rilke