Find/Establish a pattern or rhythm for meeting.

Agenda at the beginning of the relationship may give way later to the deepening relationship and lived questions.

Mentoring relationships sometimes develop into spiritual friendships.

Mentoring (from a mentor’s perspective) provides an opportunity to reconnect with one’s own sense of call.

Listen first—Reflect—Ask questions

Important to name both gifts and opportunities for growth

Pray together.

Especially for long-distance relationships (though not limited to these) it can be valuable for the mentee to provide a journal or ministry reflection in writing prior to the time of meeting together.

Be sure to celebrate and recognize the ending of the formal relationship even if it shifts to a spiritual friendship.