MISSION BRIEF

WEEKLY TOPIC SHEET

SUMMARY

What happens when you leave the routines, people, and structure you've known for most of your life? Austin Gentry talks about what he learned when he went from a Christian school to a state university and found himself navigating new ideas, new experiences, and new responsibilities. Together, Tommy and Austin talk about making your faith your own, working through doubt, choosing your community, finding a church, and remembering that your identity doesn't have to come from your major, your friend group, or what other people think of you. Most importantly, Austin encourages seniors to make some of those decisions before they get to college, so they aren't simply reacting to whatever comes their way.

KEY WORDS

- college transition
- identity in Christ
- community
- doubt
- discipleship
- college ministry
- faith challenges

THINK ABOUT IT!

How can I start making my faith my own before I get to college? How do I find the right people and community when everything is new?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Podcast Episode 158:
Following Jesus When You Get to College

Blog Posts:

- College Application Timeline: What Should Be Done and What's Coming Next?
- Why Does the College Application Process Feel So Overwhelming?

ACTIVITY SHEET

MONDAY	Listen to Podcast Episode 158: Following Jesus When You Get to College with Austin Gentry. Write down three takeaways that stood out to you. What is one thing you can begin doing now to strengthen your faith before college?
TUESDAY	Think about what you believe and why. Identify one question you have about your faith or something you'd like to understand better. Spend time reading Scripture or discussing it with a trusted Christian mentor.
WEDNESDAY	Austin reminds us that our identity comes from Christ, not our accomplishments or others' opinions. Write down three things that sometimes influence how you see yourself. How might remembering your identity in Christ change your perspective?
THURSDAY	Research a church or campus ministry at a college you're considering. Look into their beliefs, gatherings, and opportunities to connect. How could getting involved early help you grow in your faith and build meaningful friendships?
FRIDAY	Austin encourages students to make important decisions about their faith before college begins. Write down three priorities you want to carry into college, such as finding a church, choosing friendships wisely, or making time for Scripture. What can you do now to prepare?