MISSION BRIEF

WEEKLY TOPIC SHEET

SUMMARY

Leaving home for college brings new opportunities to grow, but it also means encountering new ideas and cultural pressures that may challenge what you believe. Brett Kunkle, founder of Maven, explains why a faith built only on what your parents or church have taught you isn't enough—you need to understand your own reasons for believing and develop a biblical worldview that helps you make sense of life. He encourages students to start with Scripture, read thoughtfully, and use trusted resources to explore their questions rather than avoiding difficult topics. Brett also challenges seniors to move beyond their comfort zones by engaging in honest conversations with people who hold different beliefs, allowing those conversations to reveal what they know and where they can keep growing. His message is that college can be more than a place to earn a degree: it can be an opportunity to live out your faith, love others, and become a thoughtful, confident leader.

KEY WORDS

- Christian worldview
- culture
- apologetics
- Bible reading
- cultural challenges
- discipleship
- Christian education

THINK ABOUT IT!

If someone asked why you believe in Christianity, what would you say beyond "it's what I grew up believing"? What questions could you explore to strengthen your understanding?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Podcast Episode 160:
Know What You Believe Before You Leave Home

Blog Posts:

- How to Make the Most of a College Visit
- College Expectations vs. What You're Actually Looking For

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ACTIVITY SHEET

MONDAY	Listen to Podcast Episode 160: Know What You Believe Before You Leave Home. Write down three takeaways from Brett Kunkle's conversation. Why is it important to know not just what you believe, but why you believe it?
TUESDAY	Think about the beliefs you've learned from your family, church, or mentors. Choose one belief and explore why you hold it. Find a Scripture passage that supports it and write down what you learn.
WEDNESDAY	Brett explains that a worldview shapes how we understand life. Read Romans 12:2 and consider how culture influences your thinking. What is one area where you need to be more intentional about viewing life through a biblical lens?
THURSDAY	Having questions about your faith can lead to deeper understanding. Write down one question you've struggled with or haven't fully explored. Spend time researching it through Scripture or discussing it with a trusted Christian mentor.
FRIDAY	Brett encourages students to engage with people who believe differently. Have a respectful conversation with someone about their beliefs or perspective. Practice listening, asking thoughtful questions, and sharing what you believe with grace.