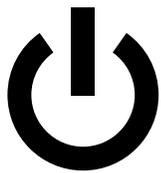


Speaker: Heather Barnes (National School Project)

Title: Meant for More

Key Verses: Matthew 4:19; 5:13–16; 2 Timothy 4:1–5; 1 Peter 2:8–9

Summary: The public school is an incredible place to impact peers for Christ.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Public schools are full of spiritual challenges. This also makes them ripe for opportunities. Describe some challenges and opportunities at your school.



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the flow of Heather's talk: **1)** the spiritual state of our public schools; **2)** legal rights for Christian students; **3)** how to start a Meant for More week.



Comment: Take some time to talk

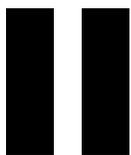
Heather mentions the high rate of suicide among teenagers. **What are some of the causes of this tragic reality for teens?**

Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5. What is the “work of an evangelist”? What makes teenagers the best suited to reach their classmates?

What clubs are represented at your school? Are there any Christian clubs? What two legal rights allow students to start a Christian club?

Heather says, “I don’t want you to think numbers mean success. Obedience means success.” **What does this mean? Why is this important?**

What are two or three benefits to Christian public school students who decide to lead a Meant for More Week? Which of the four steps in leading a Meant for More Week would be most challenging? Why?



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for changing your life with the Gospel. Thank Him for the new identity you have received in Jesus. Ask Him direction about reaching your classmates for Christ. Ask Him for courage and support in the process.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Text JOINNOW to 91000 to get more information. Visit the Meant for More website. Begin praying and talking to Christian classmates about ways you can make an impact for Christ on your school campus.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Heather Barnes

Power Track Summary: Do you want to make a big impact for Christ at your school? This Power Track encourages students to join a movement across the nation in leading “Meant for More Weeks” at their schools. You will be inspired, hear your legal rights to share your faith on campus, and learn about the free coaching and practical steps to lead a “Meant for More Week” to help your classmates hear the Gospel.

About the National School Project: A movement of students dedicated to sharing the gospel at public schools around the nation. Learn more at their website: <https://nationalschoolproject.com/>

Spiritual State of Our Schools

- Teens are 2x more likely to identify as atheist than adults.
- Teens are 3x more likely to identify with LGBTQ+ group than adults.
- Homicide and suicide are 2 of the top 3 causes of death for teens.
 - 1.1 million students attempted suicide in 2018.
- Most people (82%) who confess Christ do so before turning 18.

Outreach can help us overcome lack of assurance. It can build our confidence.

Students are the only person who can walk into their school who is allowed to share Jesus during the school hours.

Two Legal Protections for Christian Clubs

First Amendment protects our freedom of speech. You can approach people, share the Gospel, and pass around Christian literature.

Equal Access Act is a federal law that says if there are any clubs at the school, a student can start a Christian club. It must be student led; however if any club allows guest speakers, then every club can have a guest speaker.

“A peer is the most influential voice in a student’s life.”

“You are the church today, not the future of the church.”

Four Steps to Launching a “Meant for More Week”

- 1) Gather your people.
 - a) **Adults:** Meant for More coach, school administrator, faculty sponsor
 - b) **Teens:** peers, friends, co-leaders
- 2) Plan your week (e.g., prayer, place/time for event, topic/speaker, refreshments).
- 3) Promote and lead your week (e.g., flyers, announcement, and word of mouth).
- 4) Follow up (e.g., Bible study or church involvement).

2 Big Questions: What if Christian students in every public school in our nation decided to make an impact for Christ with their peers? What if God put you at you school on purpose?