



A Leadership Ministry of  
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## *Personal Project Parameters*

One of the most rewarding and challenging aspects of **Imagine the Impact** is the opportunity to launch and lead a personal project. Below, some thoughts are provided in order to help you prepare for the first residential gathering of **Imagine the Impact** where we will specifically provide training to help you get started.

- Believe in what God can do through you- the first thing many students do when faced with the thought of doing a personal project is to be struck with fear. Whenever people face new challenges there will be a nervous edge that comes with it. Most people that have made an impact for God, in one way or another, did not think they were capable of doing much before they tried. Students are not being asked to save the world, Christ already did that and our efforts cannot begin to replace Him. Students are being asked to impact the world **FOR** Christ.
- Think about How God has wired you- students will be taken through a process to help them think about their gifts, talents, abilities, passions, and experiences more in depth. The hope is that students will use how they are wired to make a difference.
- Look at the needs around you- students are encouraged to put on “God’s Eyes” and look at the community around them. Within one class there will be students that decide to do local projects to reach peers in the high schools, others will reach out to age specific groups whether children or older adults, still others will seek ways to make an impact in other geographic regions through partnering with existing programs. The key is beginning to look at the needs around you. What needs connect with your heart? What makes you deeply sad and makes you want to weep or scream because hurting people need Christ?
- Pray- some times Christians can say “Pray” and then check it off their list as this thing that they had to do. Allow your life to be a prayer as you approach **Imagine the Impact**. Put specific times on your schedule to disengage from the world and just ask God to show you the things that break His heart. If you’re having trouble seeing anything, look at the book of Matthew. Begin to read through the “Sermon on the Mount” in chapters 5-7. As you align your heart with God’s heart, you will begin to be broken by the need you see.
- Students will be encouraged to do a project that can run for at least 3-4 months. The beginning time will be no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> so that students will be able to run with a project long enough to learn and grow through the experience. The mentoring connection for the student will continue throughout the project allowing growth to occur by evaluating and making adjustments along the way.
- Remember to check your graduation project requirements- most school districts or home school situations have a graduation project required for graduation. Schools normally allow this project to be done in the last few years of high school. Appropriate planning will allow students to meet their requirements for graduation with their personal project. They will also have an opportunity to share their faith as they talk about their project with their graduation committee or supervisor.
- Again- all students will be walked through a process to help prepare them and guide them in getting started. Every student will be given a software package called Dream Launch to assist them in walking through these steps at home with their mentor. The steps presented in this letter are provided to give the Holy Spirit a few extra months to open student’s eyes to how they are wired and what needs exist where an impact for Christ can be made.