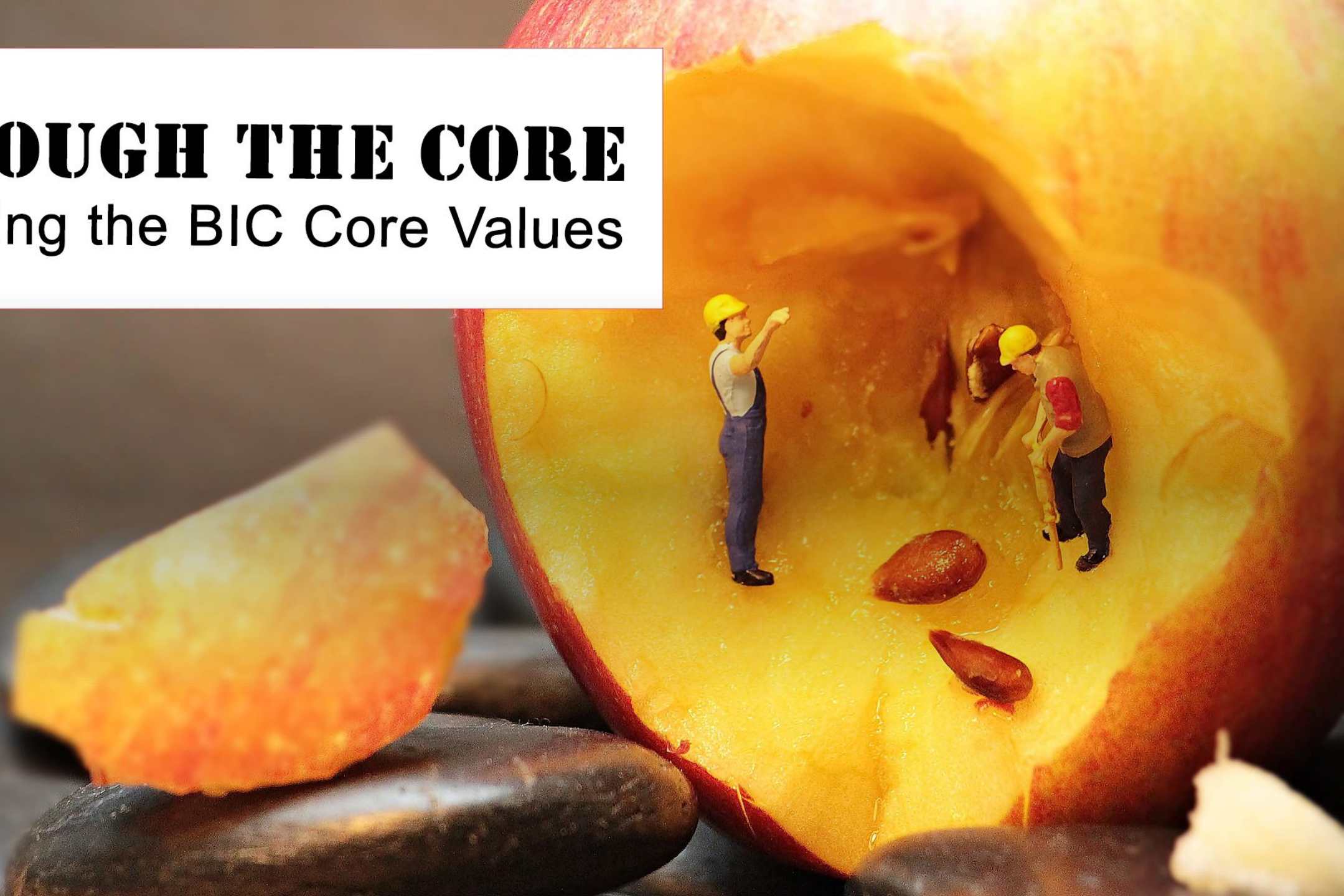


THROUGH THE CORE

Exploring the BIC Core Values



Core Value #1

Experiencing God's Love and Grace

We value the free gift of salvation in Christ Jesus
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Core Value #2

Believing the Bible

We value the Bible as God's authoritative Word, study it together, and build our lives on its truth.

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⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

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⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

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¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

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¹¹ “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”

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¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

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¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

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¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

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¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

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²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

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Matt. 25

⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

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How was this demonstrated in today's passage?

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Micah 6.8

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Ps. 22.3

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
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- Sometimes enthroned is translated as
“inhabit the praises. . .”

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³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

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