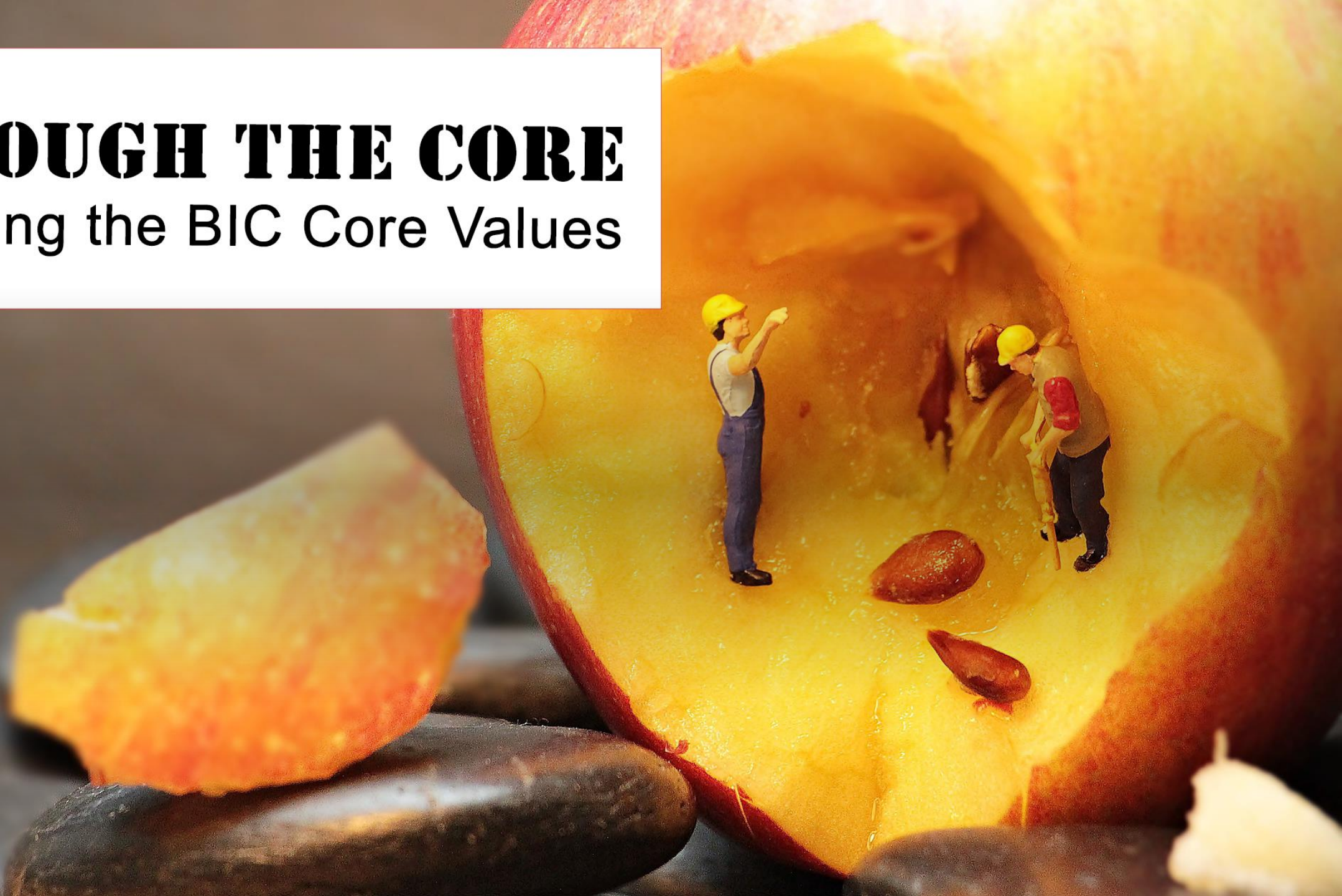


THROUGH THE CORE

Exploring the BIC Core Values



Core Value #1

Experiencing God's Love and Grace

We value the free gift of salvation in Christ Jesus
and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Core Value #3

Worshiping God

We value heartfelt worship that is God-honoring,
Spirit-directed, and life-changing.

Core Value #4

Following Jesus

We value whole-hearted obedience to Christ Jesus through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

Core Value #5

Belonging to the Community of Faith

We value integrity in relationships and mutual accountability in an atmosphere of grace, love, and acceptance.

Eph. 4

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beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling,
for you have been called by God.

Eph. 4

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Eph. 4

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Eph. 4

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⁶ one God and Father of all,
who is over all, in all, and living through all.

Eph. 4

⁷ However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

Eph. 4

⁸ That is why the Scriptures say,
“When he ascended to the heights,
he led a crowd of captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

Eph. 4

⁹ Notice that it says “he ascended.” This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world.

Eph. 4

¹⁰ And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself.

Eph. 4

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

Eph. 4

¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Eph. 4

¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Eph. 4

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

Eph. 4

¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Eph. 4

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Revolution Time

Eph. 4

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Macro view

- Eph. 4. 1, 4, 7, 16 are all in passive voice.

- .1 – have been called

- .4 – have been called

- .7 – has been given

- .16 – being joined together and held together

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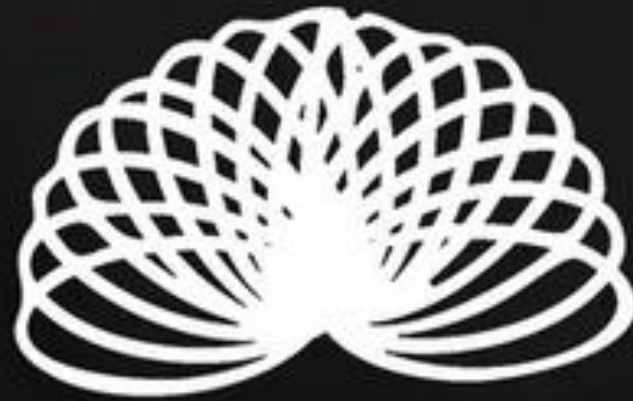
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Literally - bear with or put up with

**SOME PEOPLE
ARE LIKE
SLINKIES**



**Not Really Good For Much
But Bring A Smile To Your Face
When Pushed Down The Stairs**

Some Observations

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 - To God
 - To one another
- So, take it easy on each other

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Some Observations

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- So, take it easy on each other
- Get sticky (ligaments)

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 - This is God's ultimate purpose

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- Understand
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 - We have been made for this

Application

- Understand
 - This is God's ultimate purpose
 - We have been made for this
 - A household where we are known, loved, where we cannot hide, and where we cannot get lost.

Application

- Understand what God is about
- Be focused on what God is about

Application

- Be focused
 - There is a battle to distract us from our great gift and central task

Application

- Be focused
 - There is a battle to distract us from our great gift and central task
 - Technology is playing an enormous role in that battle

Application

- Understand what God is about
- Be focused on what God is about
- Engage in what God is about

Application

- Engage
 - It is not enough to be intellectually convinced in the truth of God's household.

Application

- Understand what God is about
- Be focused on what God is about
- Engage in what God is about
- Rejoice in what God is about

Application

- Rejoice
 - This household of God is ultimately a great gift.

Application

- Rejoice

- This household of God is ultimately a great gift.

- We need to be grateful and celebrate it.

Application

- Understand what God is about
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