



Sunday School

GRADES 9-12 | OCTOBER

BIC CORE VALUES



This month we will explore 4 of the 10 Core Values of the Brethren in Christ. (Did you know that is what the BIC in "EBIC" stands for? We are part of a group of churches all over the world that call themselves the Brethren in Christ. As a denomination, we have some key beliefs that set us apart.)

Each week, click the link to watch the short video by local Pastor Nick Ressler that summarizes the Core Value. Then, work through the corresponding reflection questions.

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BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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



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*Do you think you have to go to church to belong to the community of faith? Why or why not?

*What positive things happen in the church that rarely happen in other groups or contexts?

*Find and summarize 3 scriptures that explain why being with other Christians is important.

*In what ways is God encouraging you to grow relationally closer to other Christians? What are things that may cause you resist this calling?

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FOLLOWING JESUS

"We value wholehearted obedience to Christ Jesus through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit."



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*What does it mean to "take up your cross"? (Matthew 16:24-26)

*How does following Jesus affect the way we use our talents?

*How does following Jesus affect your relationships? with your parents? your siblings? your classmates?

*Identify 3 specific areas where obedience has been a challenge for you? What makes these particular things so difficult?

- If you aren't following Jesus, who/what are you following?

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WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

"We value an active and loving witness for Christ to all people."



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*Do you view witnessing as more of a burden or a privilege? When is the last time I mentioned Jesus, God, or my faith in conversation?

*What kind of behavior from Christians today will intrigue non-Christians enough to cause them to investigate faith in Christ?

*How would you share the gospel without using "Christianese" and religious words?

*How can you personally support missionaries who are sharing the gospel around the world?

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RELYING ON GOD

"We confess our dependence on God for everything, and seek to deepen our intimacy with Him by living prayerfully."



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- *Look up the definition of reliance. Summarize it in your own words.
- *Name some people you rely on in your daily life.
- *Why is Jesus the focus as we consider relying on God?
- *What are some things getting in the way of your prayer life? What can you do to change those habits?
- *Are you putting yourself in situations where relying on God is the only option? Or are you trying to control your life and make sure you have all of the resources you need to rely only on yourself?
- *What may go wrong if you rely only on yourself?