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## **Why Church | Core Values Review**

Welcome to Fusion! Each week we will be sending students the weekly Fusion teaching and a reading plan to help them engage with the principles during the week. It's easy... have your students review the videos, then follow the plan to invest time in Scripture and prayer.

Once a week, leaders will host “virtual small groups” through tools like FaceTime, Google Hangouts, or Zoom. Leaders will work closely with parents to plan and accomplish these groups. Leaders will use this time to catch up with students, ask how they are engaging the teaching and their Bibles, and challenge them in the weeks to come.

### **Step 1**

Review the Why Church, Core Values teaching videos. Each teaching can be found at [resources.gracechurchsc.org/teaching/students](https://resources.gracechurchsc.org/teaching/students) or on the Grace Church App.

### **Step 2**

Throughout the week, follow the reading plan to engage in daily Scripture and prayer in an effort to implement the teaching concepts into your daily lives.

**Day 1:** In **James 1:21-25**, James encourages us to commit to reading the Bible and to live its teachings on a regular basis. Does the Bible direct and guide our daily lives? As you read this passage, consider what it means for you to be Biblically Oriented. What steps do you need to take to commit to investing in your Bible? How can you do that this week?

**Day 2:** **Isaiah 37:1-20** is the story of the Assyrians preparing to invade and destroy Jerusalem. The Assyrians are great and intimidating people, but King Hezekiah is faithful to the Lord. The King prays that God would intervene and rescue his people from the hands of the Assyrians. This story captures our need to be Prayerfully Dependent on God. Prayer is not only an act of obedience but a way to change our circumstances. Is prayer a part of our regular routine? Do we trust that God can change our circumstances?



**Day 3:** The Bible talks a lot about how we should relate to the people around us, and **Hebrews 10:24-25** gives clear direction of how Christians should do this. As you read the verses, consider the ways that you are Relationally Connected within the church. Are you committed to being a part of biblical community? How has your small group and your leaders helped you to grow in your faith? How can you encourage the other students in your small group?

**Day 4:** God has made us all uniquely, each of us possessing specific gifts, strengths, and talents. **1 Peter 4:10-11** teaches us that we can use these gifts, strengths, and talents to bring glory to God. In doing so, we are Ministry Focused. What gifts has God given you? How can you leverage those gifts to strengthen your small group, your friend group, or your community?

**Day 5:** In **2 Corinthians 9:6-10**, Paul tells us the importance of giving to the local church. As you think about what it means to be Courageously Generous, consider what you have to give. It might not be money, but how can you give away your time or energy to serve another person? Are you a cheerful giver of your resources, or do you give unwillingly?

**Day 6:** What does it mean to be a Christian, and who can be a Christian? Paul answers these questions in **Romans 10:9-13**. As you read through the passage, consider the role you play in being Culturally Engaged by spreading the good news of the gospel. Do you keep your faith a secret, or openly share your beliefs? Do you know people who are not Christians? How do you interact with them?