



Flourishing Schools Institute Talking Points

The Flourishing Christian Schools Institute is designed to help Christian school leaders explore what it means to be a flourishing school culture and community based on a biblical philosophy of education. It will provide best practices and practical application for true biblically distinctive transformation.

The Flourishing Schools Institute is the flagship offering for ACSI leadership development programs. It is organized around research-based linkages of constructs of a school that contribute to the development of a flourishing school culture. This professional development experience will include a cycle of Assessment, Analysis, Learning, Planning, Experimenting, Practicing and Sharing, which by its cyclical nature will lead to the transformation of an entire school culture through the development and implementation of a three to five-year strategic flourishing school culture plan.

What are we doing?

Message: The ACSI Flourishing Schools Institute cultivates Christ-centered leaders to transform their school culture through Kingdom education. With Jesus as the cornerstone and rigorous research as the bedrock, school leaders will begin a holistic journey to explore what characteristics contribute to a flourishing school culture based on Psalm 115:14. Learning from the most innovative thinkers, leaders will discover how to transform their schools' culture in a biblically distinctive way to impact the next generation for Jesus Christ.

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- **The FSi is not just another conference.** The institute allows leaders to experience the combination learning of best practices and practical application creating transformation. This is an innovative leadership development opportunity. Keynote speakers such as John Stonestreet, Nick Vujcic, and Dr. Larry Taylor will inspire and motivate you.
- **Christ is the cornerstone; rigorous research is the bedrock.** The FSi's position on school culture is that the philosophy of Christian education must be the first thing established by school leaders.

- **The FSi applies a 360 perspective.** This institute involves a 360 perspective of all aspects of culture and community not only from an academic perspective, but a Biblical, emotional and social perspective as well created from the Flourishing School Culture Model (FSCM). This model was created through a multi-year research project, validated by a rigorous independent review sponsored by Cardus, and conducted by ACSI Research.
- **The FSi focuses on school leaders and their senior leadership teams.** With this dedicated approach, all teachers, classrooms, and students are reached via a school-wide professional development and training plan. The FSi trains school leaders to view their school as a 'whole,' with many interdependent parts or 'constructs' of the school culture. Bring your leadership team to learn together and begin to build a process to experiment and apply principles to your school culture and community.
- **Any Christian school can participate.** Schools of any size or culture can take steps to transform in a meaningful, biblical way. The institute experience is a beginning of a transformational process that ACSI is committed to coming alongside Christian school leaders and being available for assistance long-term from developing a three to five-year strategic *flourishing school culture* plan through implementation.
- **The FSi correlates with a peer-reviewed tool for school assessment, the *Flourishing School Culture Instrument (FSCI)*.** The FSCI measures a school's strengths and areas for growth across each domain and their related constructs. The instrument enables schools to focus on specific areas that have been identified as areas for growth to inform their professional development plan. Although schools do not have to participate in the instrument to attend the FSi, it is highly recommended.

What does this mean?

Message: ACSI is providing school leadership, established and emerging, to glean perspective, cultivate community and transform lives.

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- **Glean Perspective:** The institute will give you rich perspective on what flourishing truly looks like and will equip you with the expertise and processes to bring your entire team on the journey flourishing.
- **Cultivate Community:** The institute is a place to find new brothers and sisters in Christ dedicated to creating flourishing Christian schools. Learn, grow and work together.
- **Transform Lives:** Through the institute, you will discover how to apply research-based principles in your everyday leadership and school activities to radically transform your school.

What happens next?

Message: Make plans now for you and your entire leadership team to embark on a new approach to Christ-centered school community transformation by attending one of our 2022-23 dates:

- ❖ Charlotte, NC: June 20-22, 2023
- ❖ Phoenix, AZ: November 7-9, 2023

- ❖ **FSi Landing Page:** <https://www.acsi.org/fsi>