

Discussion Guide

MADE: wk2 Technology

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Big Idea

God should be our focus, not technology.



Icebreaker

What is the first piece of that which you would consider to be *modern technology*, that you had? Did you give too much focus & honor to it and how do you know that you did so?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 115:1-3 (NIV or NLT). From this word of God fill in the following blanks to capture the essence of verse 1: “We are to become l_____ and He (God) is to become m_____.” (if you are stuck at to how to fill in the blanks, go read John the Baptist’s words found in John 3:30 and note that in this John verse, the “He” is Jesus/God). Continuing to think of Psalm 115:1, why should our fill-in-the-blank be the case; because of God’s what? His l_____ and His f_____!
2. Describe some of your personal experience of God’s love and faithfulness...TESTIFY! W_____ (one of Revive Wesleyan’s stated Values) is returned to God because He has demonstrated Himself as faithful and loving through His on going care for us. How do you personally demonstrate this appropriate response?
3. Read Psalm 115:4-8 (NIV or NLT). Thinking about technology, how does it fit, if even in a metaphorical way, the description we see here of idols and their having things like *mouths, eyes, ears, noses, hands, feet, and throats*? What are some ways in which one can mistakenly embrace technology, and its appearance of life, in an unhealthy manner? How, who & what can be damaged by doing so?
4. On the flip side of the prior question, what are some ways in which one can embrace technology, in *healthy* manners? How, who & what can benefit by doing so?
5. A quote by Pastor John Mark Comer in his work, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, that can speak into our overall love of technology which threatens to consume us is this “You’re not the customer; you’re the product. It’s your attention that’s for sale, along with your peace of mind.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why? For you, do you have too strong of a dependance on your phone or technology or did you at one point, however made some changes? Share.



Concluding Question

At the end of the day, would you say that your use of technology brings you closer to God and others that matter, or does it harm; distract you from your relationship with God and others that matter?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer



Across our Revive Campuses this past Sunday we saw over 25 people baptized as believers in Christ! Praise God for this and lift up in prayer this group of individuals who stepped out by publicly declaring their faith! Also pray for their protection and continued growth in the Lord.