

Technology & the Bible – STUDENT

Lesson for Sunday, June 7, 2026

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

- ⇒ Have you ever had to go a period of time without your phone? How did that make you feel?
- ⇒ Why do we believe that our phones are so critical to always have with us?
- ⇒ Have you ever thought how your Christian faith should inform the technology you use?
- ⇒ Would it surprise you to learn that the Bible has a lot to say about technology?

BIBLE STUDY:

1. What is technology?
 - a. How would you define technology?
 - b. The definition of technology that we will be using is: *Technology is a God-given, man-made tool that shapes our _____, _____ and _____.*
2. Where did technology come from?
 - a. Technology is God-given and man-made.
 - b. Read Genesis 1:27-30. This is often referred to as the Dominion Mandate.
 - c. Later you can read through Genesis 4 and see early examples like city-building, animal husbandry, musical instruments, and metal work, showing that human technology and invention develop very early in the biblical story.
 - d. Technology is not merely a modern invention; it is one of the ways humans exercise responsible dominion under God.
3. Is Technology Good, Bad or Neutral?
 - a. The simple answer to this question is: Yes! Technology shapes our habits, hearts and our habitation (the world around us).
 - b. Read Exodus 31:1-11 to see a good example.
 - c. Read Exodus 32:1-10 to see a bad example.
 - d. Technology can be used for good, and it can be used for evil.
 - e. Our creative gifts along with our sinful heart can be a recipe for disaster unless we take the time to slow down and ask the hard questions about what technology is and how it is shaping us. We need God's help!

APPLICATION: THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS – A FRAMEWORK

How does the Bible instruct us to use our gifts and talents – and even our technology – to love God?

- ⇒ In Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus sums up the entirety of how Christians are called to live.
- ⇒ Jesus summarized the entirety of the Christian life – loving God and loving others.
- ⇒ Notice how Jesus's command directs us **outside** of ourselves. Instead of focusing on what we might want or making it all about us, He points to others.
- ⇒ Everywhere we go and live, God has placed us in these places and calls us to faithfully love Him and the ones around us.

⇒ Technology is a part of every aspect of our lives. So we must ask ourselves, how is my use of technology impacting my ability to love God and to love others? The command to love God and love our neighbor extends to every area of our lives, including how we use the technologies that God has given us.

⇒ DISCUSS:

- As we find ourselves in an increasingly tech-dominated world, how have you seen technology impact your ability to love others in a better way?
- How have you seen a negative impact?
- Discuss the same thing about our relationship with the Lord? How has technology hurt and helped?
- If there was one thing you know you need to change about your use of technology, what would it be? Follow-up with: Why wait to make those changes if you know it is something you ought to do?