

Thinking Biblically in a Tech-Driven World Wrap-Up

Lesson for Sunday, July 26, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ Today is our last lesson in our series. Have you ever thought about why technology is so consuming, even addictive? What deep, internal need is technology trying to meet in our lives?

BIBLE STUDY:

1. What are we _____ from technology?
 - a. When we mindlessly reach for our phone, what are we usually hoping to get in that moment?
 - i. Connection and belonging (social media, texts, group chats)
 - ii. Presence and attention (notifications, likes, views)
 - iii. Knowledge and guidance (search, AI, endless content)
 - iv. Impact and significance (platform, followers, “reach”)
 - v. Ease and control (automation, on-demand everything)
 - b. No technological advancement can bear the weight of our souls.
 - c. Scripture teaches us that these desires are only satisfied in a right relationship with Jesus Christ and in the community of his people found in the local church.
2. An “Alternative Network” – the _____
 - a. Consider these Bible texts. What is each teaching us about the role of the local church?
 - i. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
 - ii. Acts 2:42-47
 - iii. Hebrews 10:24-25
 - b. Contrast the digital network with the local church.
 - i. Digital: fast, shallow, disembodied, algorithm-curated, self-focused. When it comes to digital technology such as your phone, you are the product that tech companies are trying to monetize.
 - ii. Church: slow, deep, embodied, Spirit-shaped, truth-focused. In the church, your life is blessed and you are encouraged as you are disciplined into Christ’s likeness.
 - c. Summary:
 - i. Technology gives us _____; the church gives us _____.
 - ii. Tech lets us present a _____ self; church invites us to be a _____ saint.
 - d. Remember that technology is ultimately a matter of stewardship. While it offers many valuable benefits, it must never be treated as a replacement for what God has designed to be fulfilled through other means.
3. Embodied presence vs. Digital presence
 - a. Think how much God’s Word emphasizes the physical over the abstract.
 - i. The _____: The eternal Word became flesh & dwelt among us.

- ii. The _____: Baptism with water; the Lord's Supper with bread and juice – all physical signs that remind us of the difference God has made in our lives.
 - iii. The _____: The Greek word (*ekklesia*) means a called-out assembly. It means a group with shared values being together in one specific, physical location.
- b. God meets us not in abstractions but in physical presence. Screens can supplement that, but they cannot substitute for it.
- c. Consider these implications:
 - i. Online, we can _____ people; in church, we must _____ with people.
 - ii. Online, we can _____ from hard relationships; in church, we _____ conflict in love (Colossians 3:12-15).
 - iii. Online, we construct an _____; in church, we share our weaknesses and _____ one another.
- d. Technology makes a terrible savior but can be useful servant. The local church is where:
 - i. Our loves are re-ordered by _____.
 - ii. Our minds are renewed by the preaching and teaching of the _____.
 - iii. Our isolation is interrupted by _____ with our church family.
 - iv. Our gifts redirect our attention away from self and toward others through _____.

WRAP-UP:

- ⇒ What have you learned in this series that you don't want to forget?
- ⇒ What new habits have you tried to develop?
- ⇒ How can we maximize our time at church and minimize the digital distractions while we are in the Lord's House and with His people?