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Burning Issues Confronting Christians Today



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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask the GG to list down different technologies that drastically changed the world and the way we live. For each technology, list down ways in which it was used positively and negatively. Use this exercise to show that technology in itself is a tool, and it depends on the person using it, whether it will be used for good or for bad.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested song:

[The Perfect Wisdom of Our God](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will be vigilant to protect themselves from the world's influence.
2. GG members will live in accordance with God's Word.

INTRODUCTION

In this fast-paced world, new technologies are constantly being thought of and invented. At the rate at which new technologies are being developed, Christians find themselves playing catch-up, trying to figure out where these fit into the principles and guidelines of God's Word.

The contrast between the blessed and the wicked (vv. 1-6)

The first chapter in the book of Psalms shows the contrast between the blessed and the wicked. This is a good basis for Christians to reflect upon how they live their lives. This includes how they make use of available technologies.

1. How did the psalmist describe the actions of the blessed man? What are the things he avoids (and why)? On the other hand, what are the things he immerses himself in? (cf. Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:103)
2. What analogies did the psalmist use to describe the blessed man? How do you interpret the analogy of him being like a tree planted in water (cf. Psalm 42:1-2; John 7:37-39), being fruitful (cf. John 15:5), and being prosperous (cf. Joshua 1:8)?
3. In contrast, what does the psalmist say about the wicked? What analogy did the psalmist use to describe them, and how do you interpret the analogy?
4. According to the psalmist, what is the ultimate outcome of the life of the wicked?
5. How can you relate these to the use of technology? Explain why you see technology either as inherently good, neutral, or evil.

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Application

Technology can be used for good or evil. It is up to the person using it. As Christians, we need to set boundaries on our use of technology so that we do not go against God's Word. This was true when the Internet became easily accessible and with the proliferation of social media. How can you figure out the right and wrong use of technology? What are some things you and the church can do?

PRAYER ITEM

Lord God, I praise You because You know all things, and nothing takes You by surprise. You are aware of all the technological developments happening in our world right now. Please grant us wisdom and discernment as we navigate our way through life. Teach us how we can make use of various available technologies while abiding by Your Word so that we can glorify Your name. Protect us from elevating anything above You and our abiding in You. I pray for all this in Christ's name. Amen. ■



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