A Biblical Framework for Interfacing with Technology
Colossians 3:23, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Genesis 11:1-9

1. Why does the Christian need to consider technology differently than the rest of culture?

2. Does scripture offer any examples on the dangers of how mankind uses technology?

3. How can we begin to use a biblical framework to ask the right questions about the various technologies in our lives?

Small Group Questions

1. When considering Col 3:23, how could you further apply this thinking to your approach and use of technology?

2. James 3:9 (NIV) says "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness." This verse points us to consider how our sinful nature can employ the same tool for good and evil purposes in a way that highlights the hypocrisy in our hearts. Discuss ways you see this duality further highlighted through mankind's use of various technologies.

3. In the same way, the story of the tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9) reveals mankind's ability to misuse technology. It was not the baking of bricks, or the technological advancement of building techniques that were inherently evil, but the manner in which the people chose to use these gifts.

   A. Can you identify a particular technology that may have entered your life in a good or neutral manner that you saw slowly become a more negative influence?

   B. Was this negative change the result of passive adaptation to the technology because you mindlessly slipped into bad patterns, or was it the result of actively thinking of new ways to use this technology in a manner that hurt you in the long run?

   C. Have you seen these same things impact loved ones in your life? Explain.

4. 1 Corinthians chapters 8, 9 and 10 go into a discussion of the fact that some Christians will be able to partake in certain food and drink with a clear conscience that others will not. While it discusses the liberty some Christians have to partake, it also talks about the importance of not partaking in a manner that causes our brothers and sisters to stumble as a result of our choices.

   A. How do you see these principles applying to the use of technology today?

   B. What are some technologies that you see others employ that might cause you to stumble as you struggle to understand how they can do this in a God honoring fashion?

   C. What are some technologies you have incorporated into your life in a manner that you think might cause others to struggle?

   D. How should this discussion impact the humility with which we approach these subjects?

5. Have each member of your small group ask for prayer about a specific technology you feel convicted to consider in new ways as a result of these discussions. Take time to pray for one another about how you can submit these things to God as you walk forward.