

Christian Parenting in a Digital Age:

Examining Technology through the Lens of Discipleship in our Homes and with our Children

Week 1: Every Story Shapes Us, and Our Tech Tells a Story!

Discussion Questions Round 1

1. What do you think are the best things and the worst things about your usage, and your family's usage, of the digital technology that's "in your home and in your hands?"
2. Why did you decide to make the effort to attend this particular Sunday Sessions miniseries? What made coming to this miniseries worth your time?

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Romans 12:2 (NIV, 1984)

Our habits don't save us, but they do shape us.

- Justin Whitmel Earley,
Habits of the Household



“Taking Christianity seriously and taking discipleship seriously means looking carefully at how new technology might shape us in ways that are opposite to the ways the gospel is meant to shape us.”

- Jacob Shatzer,
Transhumanism and the Image of God

Discussion Questions Round 2:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you that we talked about today?
2. What is one change you are currently considering (not necessarily committing to) in the way that digital technology currently resides “in your home and in your hands” because of our discussion and/or content today?

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