

Session



Personal Study Guide

Finding Our Way With Technology (Our Time)

September 29, 2019

Introduction

? What is your greatest source of distraction, technologically speaking?

? What factors do you consider in deciding if technology is effective or distracting? Which type do you find the most examples of?

1. Live Wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

? How have you witnessed inconsistency between confession and daily living impact gospel effectiveness? Give an example.

? What do you think it would look like practically to “pay careful attention” to how you live? How would your decision making look differently? How might you engage in conversation differently?

2. Led by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:17-18)

? What visible indicators would you anticipate observing in the life of a person that is constantly seeking to “understand what the Lord’s will is”? Who do you know that best fits that description now?

 Why did Paul contrast being drunk with wine and being filled with the Spirit? How does each example impact living with wisdom?

3. The Joy of Biblical Community (Ephesians 5:19-20)

 Consider your current relationships with other believers. How do those relationships resonate with what Paul described here? How would you like to see that grow and change?

 In light of what Paul has shared thus far, how does a spirit conditioned by gratitude help one to live wisely and in such a way that distraction from lesser pursuits are kept at bay?

Conclusion

 How easily can you state God's purpose for your life? What biblical passages would you rely most heavily on to validate your answer? How does that clarity help you avoid distraction?

 What would you say are the primary challenges to experiencing the type of biblical community that Paul referred to? What makes that type of community worth pursuing, even in light of those challenges?

 What dangers do you readily see in the lives of those that do not carefully guard the amount of influence technology has on their thought processes, value systems, and worldview? Do you think it is important to think of technology in such important terms? Explain.

Daily Readings

- Monday - John 4:24
- Tuesday - Romans 12:1
- Wednesday - Hebrews 13:15
- Thursday - Psalm 29:2
- Friday - Psalm 95:6
- Saturday - Isaiah 12:5