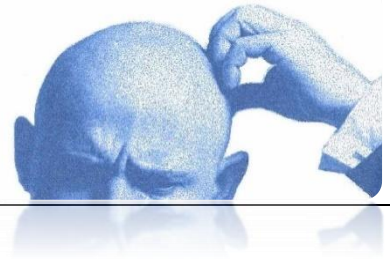


Technology

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.

Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series this fall will explore Genesis 1-11 (Origins). Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- What is your opinion about owning and using a cellphone? Have these devices improved or diminished our lives? In what ways?
- Can the same technology be both good (helpful) and bad? Give an example.
- Read **Genesis 11:1-9**. What stands out for you?
- This story begins with people moving “eastward.” Why is this detail significant? What is the author wanting us to notice? See also 3:24, 4:16.
- What were people in this story trying to do? Read carefully.
- Read **Genesis 3:1-7**. What are the similarities in these two stories? What does this tell us about the nature of sin?
- How does God respond to people “making a name for themselves”?
- The confusion of language has been understood as a punishment. In contrast, consider the words of Rabbi Fohrman: “It is interesting to note how in order for humanity to continue to progress, they will need to learn the language of others... In the confusion of Babel, God has not so much slapped our hands as he has given us a new redemptive project that will cause us to be people that grow into the humanity that bears his image.” Do you agree with this observation? Why or why not?
- Notice that God is not concerned with bricks; he is concerned with how bricks were being used? What does this suggest about how we use technology?
- How might we develop wisdom as we use technology? What would this look like?

In the coming week you are invited to read Genesis 12:1-9.

- What stood out to you in this story?
- Was there anything confusing or troubling?
- Did anything make you think differently about God?
- How might this change the way we live?