



A Christian Perspective on Technology

**Technology's Affect
on Community**
Message 2

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► **Outline**

A. Introduction

B. Technology influences community by...

1. _____ connection.
(2 John 12. C/R: Proverbs 16:24)

2. _____ diversity.
(1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Colossians 1:16-17;
Revelation 7:9)

3. _____ the physical.
(Genesis 3:8; Hebrews 9:15; 10:24-25)

Answers: 1. Facilitating 2. Feigning 3. Forfeiting

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with those in your home or with others using video chat.

Introduction

In this series, we're asking you to think about technology as something more than computers and cell phones. In a much broader sense, we're using the term technology to describe tools we use to make life better. God made us stewards over creation. What are we making? How do our tools either pull us closer to God or draw us away from God? How do these tools impact our relationships? What impact (good and bad) do the various things we make and use have on our world? These are the sorts of questions we'll be dealing with in this series.

Opening in Prayer

Begin with a few minutes of silence. Ask God to open your heart and mind so you can hear His voice. Ask Him to help you respond to what He reveals to you as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Conversation Starter

Who was one of your best friends growing up? What were some of your favorite things to do together?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#).

1. God works in each of us differently (vs. 6) and gives each of us specific gifts (vs. 11). Have you ever wished you had someone else's talent or gift? How do you think God feels about that?
2. What's the purpose of diversity? Why didn't God make us all the same?
3. Describe a time you felt like you didn't belong. How did you respond?
4. What could you do to help someone else feel important?

Read [1 Corinthians 12:14-26](#).

5. Why is the human body an appropriate comparison to the church?
6. If people in the church are all different, what unites us? What are practical ways we can experience unity?
7. What's the hardest part about being around people who are different than you?
8. Name some benefits of spending time with people who are different than you.
9. In terms of our relationships, what are benefits and limitations of digital technology (social media, group apps, email, etc.)?
10. Imagine a world without social media or any form of digital technology. How would your relationships be different?

Soul Training

Write down the names of the first five people that come to mind. What are unique things you've learned from each of them? Thank God for bringing these people into your life.

Memory Verse

I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete.

[2 John 12 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [2 John 8-13](#)

Day 4: [Hebrews 9:11-15](#)

Day 2: [Proverbs 16:20-24](#)

Day 5: [Jeremiah 31:10-14](#)

Day 3: [Acts 1:4-8](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 3, we'll finish the series titled *Lit*. To prepare for the message, read [Matthew 18:20](#); [28:16-20](#); [3 John 1-15](#).



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