

Discipleship In A Digital Age

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In high school and college, I saw and experienced first hand the growth of social media and technology. I discovered a new Internet site called Facebook as a high school student. I could create a persona of who I was, discover more about people I knew and connect with people everywhere. Over time I became heavily involved in it and other media apps. These sites allowed me to be “real” with an online audience, while fake in person. Sadly, I experienced information I should have never encountered, and ultimately these sites redefined my relationships to where I no longer saw a need for people or God.

I grew in my walk with the Lord in college and began investing in the lives of students. Then the Lord opened my eyes to see how I was held captive by my love of technology. As I poured over Scripture, I saw that I was living divided – not wholeheartedly seeking the Lord. Through intentional discipleship, getting to know Jesus and surrendering my time, I now see that technology and social media can hold us, **but God is greater** than that hold.

WORKSHOP GOALS

- Provide information on the dangers of technology
- Look closely at dangerous apps and social media sites
- Look at the problems technology can bring from a biblical perspective
- Present resources that will help to educate
- Challenge everyone to be prepared, be involved and engaged in discipleship

TOOLS

- Educate yourself on social media and technology
- Be aware of what forms of social media and technologies are active in their life
- Install safe programs on all forms of technology, not as punishment but as protection (i.e. Net Nanny, Covenant Eyes, K9, Norton)
- Intentionally disciple your child or find someone they can sit with and learn from
- Pray and be engaged in the Word
- Be willing and ready

KEY VERSES

Psalm 86:11 *Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.*

Also John 15: 1-17—drawing closer to Jesus

RESOURCES

Following Jesus: Discipleship Essentials by Nate Herbst & the Great Commission Alliance (Available on Amazon)

Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples by Francis Chan

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Table for Two: Doing Life and Savoring Scripture Together by Mona Corwin

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