

Genesis 11: 1-9

Discipling for Digital Discernment



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text and the Scriptures – Genesis 11:1-9

1. This is an important passage about the uses and abuses of technology. What has gone wrong? How is the building of a city and a tower an act of rebellion?
2. What are we commanded to do as disciples of Jesus in Romans 12:1-3? What does it mean to have one's mind renewed?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Genesis 11:1-9 as a portion of the Scriptures

3. In the book *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*, Tony Reinke challenges us with the following questions regarding our use of smart phones. Discuss some of these questions with reference to either your smartphone use or your use of some other kind of technology.
 - Do my smartphone habits expose an underlying addiction to untimely amusements?
 - Do my smartphone habits reveal a compulsive desire to be seen and affirmed?
 - Do my smartphone habits distract me from genuine communion with God?
 - Do my smartphone habits provide an easy escape from sobered thinking about my death, the return of Christ, and eternal realities?
 - Do my smartphone habits preoccupy me with the pursuit of worldly success?
 - Do my smartphone habits mute the sporadic leading of God's Spirit in my life?
 - Do my smartphone habits preoccupy me with dating and romance?
 - Do my smartphone habits build up Christians and my local church?
 - Do my smartphone habits centre on what is necessary to me and beneficial to others?
 - Do my smartphone habits disengage me from the needs of the neighbours God has placed right in front of me?

Taken from Tony Reinke, *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*, pp. 52-53