

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Humanity in a world online

Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Date: 14th July 2024 (AM)

Introduction

Have you had any answers to prayer in the last week? Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord? Any encouragements from your Bible reading? Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

Bible Study

[Leaders, no questions suite every small group. Please adapt them to your own group]

1. What parallels do you see between the aspirations at Babel (Gen. 11:4) and the way that our world views technology?
2. In what ways are devices shaping your world? How might Isaiah 44:6-20 serve as a 'parable' for our own times?
3. How does knowing the 'end of the story' give us hope in the face of huge changes in the world? How might the truths of the 'New City' in Revelation 21-22 provide a better hope for those excited or fearful for how technology will bring change?

Some practical wisdom...

- Devices form habits in our behaviour. What habits, helpful or unhelpful, have your devices formed in you?
- Especially for parents - Jonathan Haidt says children suffer from "*overprotection in the real world and underprotection in the real world.*" Is he right - on one or both counts? What might an appropriate correction look like?
- Increasingly people are embracing 'Digital Minimalism' to unplug for a time. What might it look like to set healthy boundaries and breaks in your use of technology?

Prayer

What is one lesson, challenge or encouragement you will take away from this passage? Share it with the rest of the group and pray about it together.