

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Can you remember a time before you had a smartphone? How did you spend your time when you were bored? How have you found that while our devices offer us everything, we can also lose ourselves in them? Do you use technology or does it use you? Have your devices become your vices?
- Read Romans 12:2. What are the differences between transforming and conforming? Why would Paul, the author of Romans, make the distinction? What does it look like to be renewed? How can we learn to know God's will and live life differently, even in our current realities?
- Read Matthew 16:24-28. This passage takes place at the height of Jesus' earthly ministry, as He is doing his best to show people the heart of God. What do you think He hopes his friends understand about following Him in these verses?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6:12. How do you personally reconnect with Jesus most effectively? How can technology help or hinder that reconnection? Be specific. How does the section "If technology is the new gluttony, outrage is the new drug" and Parker quote create an awareness to the power of technology and social media? Reread the different translations (ESV and MSG) of Romans 12:2. How do you integrate those concepts into today's tech world?

Next Steps: What are some things that technology might be taking away from you? What are some boundaries you can set up to take some things back? What do you want to try in your life and/or family? Check out the lists of possible ways to win with tech and the suggested resources. During your family discussion, remember to base them on relationship not an edict from on high.

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



If you missed a message, visit www.scc.website or pick up a CD at Guest Services.



Margin is the _____ between
my _____ and my _____.

²⁶From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. Acts 17:26 NIV page 772

➤ The _____

- Make sure you are _____ your technology and it is not _____ you.
- Make sure your _____ aren't becoming your _____.

➤ The _____

- _____ appetite and _____ access

If we are not intentional with technology it will steal from us our margin physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually. Margin will be subtly eroded until your back is against the wall, with no space between your load and your limit!

¹²Just because something is technically [technologically] legal doesn't mean that it's spiritually appropriate. If I went around doing whatever I thought I could get by with, I'd be a slave to my whims.

1 Corinthians 6:12 MSG

➤ Technology is the new _____.

¹⁹The way they live is leading them to destruction, their god is their stomach [technology]. They have replaced God with their own desires, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

Philippians 3:19 EVR, NIV, MSG

➤ If technology is the new _____,
_____ is the new _____.

- Attention economy
- Accelerated exposure
- Approval culture

The thought process that went into building these applications, Facebook being the first of them, was all about: How do we consume as much of your time and conscious attention as possible.

Sean Parker, Founding President of Facebook

☞ The _____

➤ Are you _____ or conforming?

²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2 ESV

What is the _____ thing you do with
your phone when you _____ up?

³Every morning you'll hear me at it again. Every morning I lay out the pieces of my life on your altar and watch for fire to descend.

Psalms 5:3 MSG

²Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Romans 12:2 MSG

➤ What is your _____ _____?

²⁶For what will it profit you if you gain the whole world and forfeit your soul? Or what would you give in return for your soul? ²⁷I, the Son of Man, will one day return with my angels in the splendor and majesty of my Father. Then I will reward each person according to what he has done.

Matthew 16:26–27 NIV, TPT, DFS

Technology makes life _____,

but not always _____.

Jesus makes life _____,

but not always _____.

¹²I know how to live when I am poor and when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of how to live through any kind of situation—when I have enough to eat or when I am hungry, when I have everything I need or when I have nothing. ¹³Christ is the one who gives me the strength I need to do whatever I must do.

Philippians 4:12-13 ERV

Bottom Line:

_____ God over _____,
and _____ over _____.

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Resources for this series include messages from North Point Community Church, Oaks Chase Community Church, and Eastern Hills Community Church.