



**Community Bible Church**  
**Sermon Discussion Questions: Sep 3, 2023**  
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**Title:** Artificial Intelligence Revolution

**Text:** *“For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding...No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the Lord.”*  
(Proverbs 2:6, 21:30)

**Target:** Embracing technology can't be at the expense of replacing God with technology.

**Discussion Opener:** Encourage everyone in your group to take 1 minute each and share one thing they are celebrating and one thing they are praying for. Rejoice with those who rejoice! (Rom. 12:15) And bear one another's burdens together (Gal. 6:2).

**Question #1:** *Why should conversations surrounding AI and other Trending topics matter to us? What advantages do we gain from discussing current cultural topics? What risks could we face by ignoring them?*

I. **A.I. Simplified:** Understanding Artificial Intelligence

A. **Definition:** Development of computer systems that utilize machine learning to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as problem-solving, learning, pattern recognition, and decision-making.

B. **Types:** Narrow and General.

1. **Narrow AI:** Perform specific tasks, such as voice recognition, pattern recognition, and suggestion. (Ex. Siri, Alexa, Google Home, Amazon, Netflix, Google Maps)
2. **General AI:** Aims to replicate human-level intelligence and perform any intellectual task that a human can do. (Wall-E, Terminator, I-Robot)

**Question #2:** *In what ways have you seen AI incorporated into the technology or programs you already use? What are some of the benefits it has contributed that we can celebrate?*

II. **A.I. Personalized:** Extension of Human Intelligence

- A. **Human Intelligence:** John McCarthy. American Scientist who coined the phrase A.I. in 1956: Human intelligence includes the ability to have logic, reasoning, conceptualization, self-awareness, learning, emotional knowledge, planning, creativity, abstract thinking, and problem-solving.
- B. **Artificial Human Intelligence:** Creating computer systems that mimic the above-mentioned. \*Ask the question: What can't be manufactured in A.I. technology?

**Question #3:** As AI progresses to resemble and display more human attributes in its interactions, *how can it threaten our relationships? How would you counsel and encourage someone who struggles with isolation created by any source of technology? What Biblical wisdom would you offer them?*

III. **A.I. Analyzed:** Understanding the Pros & Cons

- A. **Advantages:** Reduction of Human error, 24/7 availability, digital assistance, and repetitive jobs. (**Health Care**-aiding in disease detection, diagnosis, and treatment. **Transportation**-Autonomous vehicles. **Education**-personalized learning experiences. **Financial Banking**-Detecting fraud, personalized financial services. **Customer Service**- Chatbots, virtual assistants).
- B. **Disadvantages:** Replacement of people in positions. (**Elimination of Jobs**-unemployment and economic disruption. **Socioeconomic Divide**-Not everyone can afford technology. **Security and Privacy**-AI is dependent on key personal information. **Overdependence** of human skill. (Ex. Autocorrect & spelling)

IV. **A.I. Weaponized:** Aggregate personalized data for Impersonation. \*Ex. Cybercrime, Deepfakes, Social Engineering, Identity Theft

**Question #4:** *What risks do you think could arise from personal use or reliance on AI in these areas? How can we manage the tension of leveraging AI to improve our lives without relying on AI to run our lives?*

**Optional Question:** *What dangers currently exist from the immoral or criminal use of AI? In what ways can we protect ourselves and combat these risks?*

V. **A.I. Moralized:** By the Developers and the User. \*Advancement is outpacing regulations and sanctions.

- A. **Unbiased Filters:** Ensure that the datasets are enlarged, not narrowed.

- B. **Human Flourishing:** Outcomes should be for the betterment, not detriment.
  - C. **Plagiarism:** AI technology does not substantiate the source.
- VI. **A.I. Spiritualized:** Framework of the Kingdom Built Upon Five Pillars: (Mark 1:15)
- A. **Existence of God:** Source of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge. (Job 12:13)
  - B. **Eternality of Humanity:** Created with a soul to worship. (Ecc. 3:11)
  - C. **Need for Community:** Longing for belonging & acceptance. (Genesis 2:18)
  - D. **Sense of Purpose:** Innovate, create, build. (Matthew 25:15)
  - E. **Life on Mission:** Delivering real hope in Jesus. (1 Peter 3:15)

**Takeaway:** AI can you give information, but only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can give you revelation that creates soul transformation.

**Question #5:** Like many things, technology can be used to superficially meet legitimate needs in our lives. *In what ways could AI be a tempting replacement for God or rob us of the experience He intended? What are the areas of our lives that should be reserved solely for God and His Word to fill?*

#### **Additional Right Now Media Resources:**

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