



Week One | The Whole World in Your Pocket | 02.20-21.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: If we're honest, we are more dependent on our technology than we want to be or want to admit. Together, we'll begin to assess our relationship with technology and how it affects us and those around us.

» Opening (3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is the first thing you do with your phone when you wake up in the morning?
- Digging Deeper: In what ways are our phones making our lives easier? Is this better?

» Observation | Read Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:24-28 (15 minutes)

- What is your initial reaction to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Technology is the new gluttony. (15 minutes)

- 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?

» Are You Transforming or Conforming? | Reference Romans 12:1-2 (15 minutes)

- What are the differences between transforming and conforming? Why would Paul, the author of Romans, make the distinction?
- How could implementing a "Theology of Technology" transform our minds, and keep us from conforming to the patterns of this world?
- 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?

» What is Your Soul Worth? | Reference Matthew 16:24-28 (15 minutes)

- This passage takes place at the height of Jesus' earthly ministry, as He is doing his best to show people the heart of God through miracles and teachings. What do you think He hopes his friends understand about following Him in these verses?
- How do you define connection and community? In what ways are they similar? How are they different? Why do they matter?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- 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?
- Download the [Family Technology Conversation Guide](#) (found at ehills.org/weekend) and use it to start the necessary conversation.
- Close by praying for each other to take some time this week to have a meaningful conversation about technology and the boundaries you need to start thinking about.