



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, April 7, 2024

New Realities

Artificial Intelligence - Matthew 10:16

Reflect

1. If you're in a group, have a conversation about the sermon on Sunday: New Realities: Artificial Intelligence. What did you already know? What surprised you? What aspects of your personal life, business life, or on-line world that have been touched by this technology? Are you excited for the future? Are you nervous? Worried?
2. On Sunday, Bruce said, "We can't just sleepwalk into the future. We need to foster a faith that seeks understanding. In Matthew 10:16, Jesus said, 'I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves.'" What do you think this means? How might this text apply to your relationship with AI.

Explore

1. The Bible teaches us (Genesis 2 and 3) that we are made in the image of God. In contrast, scientism or materialism teaches us that we are nothing but an advanced version of carbon. Now read Psalm 8. How does our Biblical identity factor into how we think about and experience such things as creativity, love, relationships, meaning, purpose, etc.? How does God's deep love for us and His image bearers' factor into this?
2. Bruce said, "One of the most important aspects of the age we live in is to dive more deeply into community; to trust REAL human relationships more than we trust our eyes or ears or pseudo relationships as delivered on Facebook, Instagram or a hundred other on-line platforms.
3. What's your opinion? Should we, if we call ourselves Christians, learn to live a little off the grid a little? Read Psalm 136:10-12. Share your insights.
4. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, for I have overcome the world." See John 16:33. Does this bring comfort to you?

Pray/Practice

- Pray for God's guiding hand as we move into the future. Pray for our children and young adults as they, in particular, experience the challenge of living in a digital world complicated by many idols. Pray that God would deepen our community at New Life such that we could share and bear the future together.
- If you have the technology, have someone play "Above All" by Michael W. Smith to the group or just for yourself. Just listen and reflect in hope.