

## Art of Being Human Discussion Questions 01.14.18

### Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

### **Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.**

1. Share a story regarding how you have seen technology or digital media negatively influence how people interact.
2. How has technology increased the opportunities we have?

### Background

The book of Ephesians is a letter written by Paul that addresses several hot topics of the day. Paul made it clear how followers of Jesus were supposed to respond or act regarding areas they were struggling. At this point in the letter Paul is reminding the readers that though they once lived in the darkness of sin they are now children of the light and as such they need to no longer live as though they are still in the dark. The call Paul makes is for them to know the will of God and make the most of every opportunity before them.

Read Ephesians 5:15-17

### Questions

#### **Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.**

1. What direction does Paul give on how we should live?
2. Since the days are evil, what should we do?
3. Paul admonishes the readers not be foolish, how do they avoid being foolish according to verse 17?

#### **Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.**

1. What does it mean to be wise in our approach to the access to technology and information we have today?
2. What opportunities present themselves in these days that we can make the most of, regarding digital media?
3. What pitfalls do we need to be aware of regarding technology and digital media to avoid being foolish?

#### **Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.**

1. How can you wisely use technology or digital media to reflect the truth and love of Jesus?
2. What opportunities in your neighborhood or family is Jesus asking you to make the most of?
3. As children of the light how should we interact with technology?

Closing

Technology and digital media can be significant distractions that draw us away from relationships. Take time to pray together for clarity around what God's will is and how we can lean into the opportunities he has placed before us. As preparations are under way for the annual celebration also take time to pray for those who are considering stepping into leadership roles as well as for those who are rotating off.

Reminder: To be human is to be in relationships with others, we are hard wired for it. So, why is it so challenging to be our true selves with others? Lean into our desire for relationships, first with Jesus and then with those around us.