

**INTRO**

- What piece of technology are you most happy it was invented? Why?

In this series, we want to understand the grand story the Bible is telling from beginning to end: God's Story.

**READ**

Genesis 11:1-9

**REFLECT**

In this chapter of Genesis, we see an entire nation using a human creation, bricks, to rebel against God's will. Our relationship with technology has not always been positive and this story can shine some light on how we must relate to our own creations.

*Qu: Do you think that technology (that is, human inventions and techniques) are simply "neutral"? Do you think that whether they are good or bad depends solely on what they are used for? Why?*

**THE HEART OF BABEL (v. 1-4)**

At the beginning of the chapter we see this migrant people making bricks and rebelling against God by settling down. Their rebellion was very similar to what had happened with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, but on a national scale.

*Qu: What similarities do you see between the people of Babel and the disobedience of Adam and Eve?*

**THE SPIRIT OF BABEL (v. 5-6)**

God had to come down to see the tower that supposedly "had its top in the heavens". But even though the tower was tiny compared to God, He saw that it was not good that people were able to do basically anything they proposed.

One way in which technology transforms us is by offering us possibilities that go against God's will.

In Babel, it was the making of bricks that offered the possibility of going against God's will.

*Qu: Have you ever been tempted by technology? In what ways can technology get in the way of us following God?*

Another way in which technology transforms us, even as we use it, is by insisting that we must be in control of our lives. We use technology to manipulate our circumstances and we come to trust it with our lives.

*Qu: Have you ever thought that technology transformed its user? Can you think of a way in which some technology has transformed you?*

*Qu: What are some examples of us trusting technologies instead of trusting God?*

**THE END OF BABEL (v. 7-9)**

God intervenes in the story to ensure his will is done. But the spirit of Babel is not yet defeated. That will come in the end, when Babel (or Babylon) is finally judged and human rebellion is ended, paving the way for God's complete restoration of creation.

*Qu: How is the church of God an image of Babel reversed?*

*Qu: How can we live surrounded by a spirit of Babel and yet trust in God and transform the city?*

Remember, it's not we who built a tower tall enough to reach God, but He who came down to save and restore us! Instead of trusting our own control over the circumstances, let's trust His grace, power, and initiative to keep us secure and see his will through!

**RESPOND & PRAY**

- In what way/s does this part of God's Story encourage and or challenge you?
- How will you apply this to your life?
- Pray for one another in light of the discussion.