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QUESTIONS



Technology is a gift from God. And while our screens can be wonderful tools, they are terrible masters. In this series, we will talk about life and faith in the digital age.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

- 1 Have you tried a digital detox before? If not, what are your biggest excuses why you haven't? If you have, share a little about your experience and what you learned about yourself, your relationship with others and your relationship with God.
- 2 Read John 13:34. Jesus introduces a new way to think about love not based on ourselves or based on our neighbors, but based on Him. That means love looks like Jesus. Why does it matter that Jesus makes Himself the measure of love? How would you explain this to someone who wasn't a Christian?
- **3** Jesus modeled a love that was among other things present (*John 1:14*), committed (*John 17:6-12*), forgiving (*Luke 17:3-4*) and serving (*Matthew 20:25-28*). How does our use of smartphones and screens affect whether or not we're present to others? What about the other characteristics Jesus showed?
- 4 John 13:35 and John 15:12-13. Loving like Jesus gets the world's attention. Stories that spread fear and cause division are a dime a dozen online. Clickbait rarely delivers what it promises. But Christ-like love turns heads in a different way. Why are people drawn to stories of love that looks like Jesus? Follow up: How can Christ-like love open a door to talking about faith? Share any experiences that come to mind.
- **5** Read 1 John 4:9-10. Love is always on mission. Jesus turned the cross a horror in human innovation into the centerpiece of His saving work. And He's not done saving. Finish by praying that God's love would spread through your group and into the lives of those you encounter in person and online.

