

Theme: As disciples of Christ we are called to be part of our modern world, contextualizing the Gospel so it will be accessible to our friends. However, we must be aware of the unique but ever present dangers that come with our culture, age and technology, understanding that the world will always try to seduce our hearts away from Christ and the Gospel. In this series we explore these dangers, equipping us to be faithful followers of Christ in the iWorld.

I. Contextualizing Without Conforming

- A. Theme: We are called to engage our current culture, contextualizing the Gospel so that it will be accessible to our friends, but we must be aware of the unique but ever present dangers that come with each culture, age and technology, understanding the world will always try to seduce our hearts away from Christ and the Gospel.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

II. Idolatry In the iWorld

- A. Theme: Christians must be vigilant to keep themselves from Idols - anything we look to in place of God, assigning it god-like powers to give us what should be sought in God alone. Idolatry is rampant in the iWorld, and is concentrated in and perpetuated by technology.
- B. Text: 1 John 5:21
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Revelation 1:4-5

III. Focused In A Distracted World

- A. Theme: Walking with God requires us to give focused, sustained reflection to God, His Word, our lives, and the world in which we live. But we live in a world of constant distractions, making sustained, focused reflection and living very difficult.
- B. Text: Luke 10:38-42
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

IV. Enduring In A Transient World

- A. Theme: We are called to live for that which endures - things which have been passed down for generations, and which should be passed on to generations to come. But we live in a world of perpetual novelty, which is dominated by the trendy and the trivial, and is often disdainful of that which has gone before.
- B. Text: Psalm 78:1-8
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 128:5-6

V. Resting In A Relentless World

- A. Theme: We need consistent times to rest and remember redemption, but the iWorld is relentless in its opportunities and demands, giving no room for this.
- B. Text: Mark 2:27
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Matthew 11:28 paraphrase

vi. **Restrained In An Indulgent World**

- A. Theme: Christians are called to a life of self-denial and bearing the cross in order to follow Jesus, but the iWorld encourages a life of indulgence and instant gratification.
- B. Text: Luke 9:23
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:5

vii. **Community In An Individualistic World**

- A. Theme: We are called to community, serving one another and putting the needs of the community ahead of our own, but the iWorld encourages radical individualism.
- B. Text: Philipians 2:4
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Psalm 115:14-15

viii. **Real Relationships In A Cyber-World**

- A. Theme: We were created for real, physical, face to face relationships, but the iWorld encourages relationships mediated by various forms of technology.
- B. Text: 2 John 12; 3 John 13-14
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 134:3

ix. **Living A Blessed Life In The iWorld**

- A. Theme: The blessed life for which we were created is not found in the technology of the iWorld and the glow of its screens, but in the Presence of God and real human relationships.
- B. Text: Psalm 20:7
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

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