
Social Media: The Search for Significance

- The Story of Social Media:
 - **Story:** a world that is being shared; a world that invites you into its way of seeing, thinking and living.
 - **Ecology:** the study of how organisms _____ to one another and to their surroundings.
 - Social media = digital ecology
- **Main Point:** If our _____ is digital ecology, it will usurp our Christ-centered theology.

GROUP WORK: What is Social Media?

The Threat of Social Media

- Even the secular realm of our society has noticed there is something wrong in the heart-shaping, value-forming power of technology and especially social media.
 - Social media possesses within it a story that is telling us about our human condition and how we ought to _____ together.
 - **Goal Today:** to trace the competing story that we find on social media, and then compare it to the story of the _____.

The Competing Story

- If we use social media without _____ - _____, we will begin to operate within its story rather than the story of the Gospel
 - The Three Pillars (Principles) in the Story of Social Media:
 - _____ connectedness
 - Constant connectedness _____ meaningful connectedness.
 - A system by which we measure _____
 - Social media has created a system by which we can objectively measure the approval we receive in a social setting.

- You are most _____ when you are most _____.
- The gravitational center of the _____.
 - Everything is about _____.
- The story told by social media subject the individual to the opinion and whims of people.
 - The gospel of _____.

“Abide in me, and I in you”

- John 15:1-6
 - The story of the gospel: _____ with _____.
 - The world built by the passage:
 - We are not the gravitational _____ of our lives, but there is someone who is – the true vine, Jesus Christ.
 - Our system for success is “apart from me, you can do _____.”
 - Our constant connectivity is not plugged into a system of scarcity, but in the Gospel, whose “economy... is true abundance.”

Takeaways

- If our vine is Christ centered theology, it will _____ our digital ecology.
 - First, we must increase our _____.
 - I want you to self-reflect regularly on who is doing the story telling – the story told by social media, or the story of the gospel to which we cling?
 - Second, we must increase our _____.
 - We mustn't run from the true satisfaction of all of our needs – Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 - Third, we must increase the importance of _____ spaces.
 - A time and place where technology and their social mediums that compete against our story are off limits.
 - Fourth, we must increase our _____ about the fight.