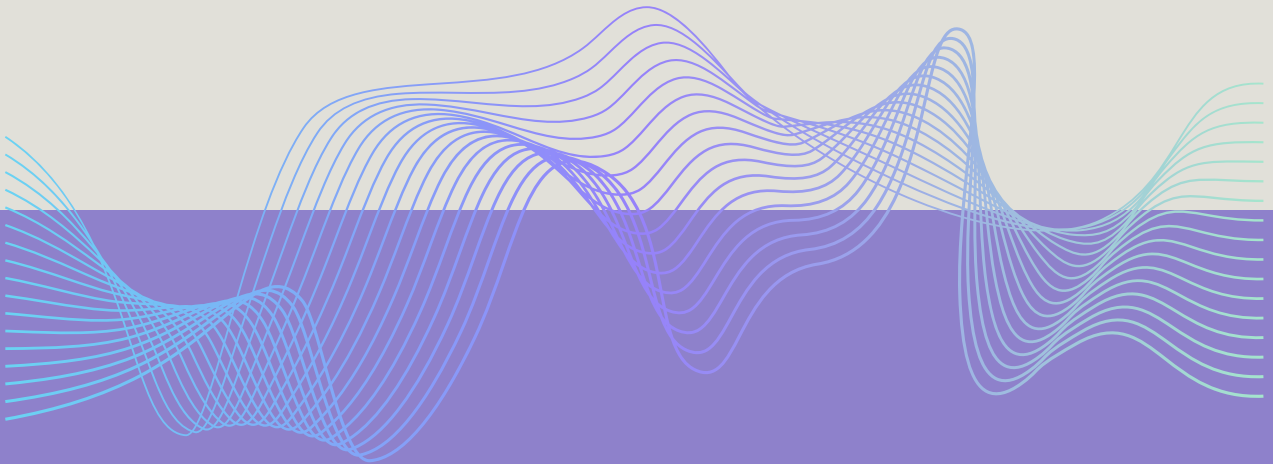




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CREATION CARE DISCIPLESHIP PACKET

Week 4: Stewards over the Digital Realm



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SCRIPTURAL MEDITATION:

- Colossians 1:16-17

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



Reflection:

The Bible teaches that God is the Lord over the physical and spiritual worlds. He is Lord over the digital realm as well. God has entrusted us with the mission to care for all created things, including the digital world. Therefore, we must also adopt an attitude of protecting and respecting God's creation in our use of technology. We must seek ways to reduce energy consumption, minimize electronic waste, and prevent data pollution. We must be responsible stewards following God's wisdom in the digital world. This means that even in the digital realm, we must respect God's creation and live lives that reflect His glory.

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CREATION FACTS:

- Americans purchase nearly 3 billion batteries annually to power radios, toys, cell phones, watches, laptop computers, and portable power tools.
- Batteries discarded in landfills can release toxic chemicals, contaminating groundwater and posing a risk of greenhouse gas emissions.
- By 2025, the energy consumption of data centers is expected to account for about 3% of total carbon emissions. Therefore, organizing both physical and virtual spaces can reduce ecological impact.
- The internet accounts for nearly 4% of global carbon emissions.
- Sending one fewer email per day can reduce carbon emissions by more than 18,000 tons annually.

- FACTS:

The digital world and electricity usage are entrenched in every aspect of our lives. Small changes to digital and electricity usage habits can positively impact ecological protection.

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- PRACTICE:

1. Family Time Under Candlelight
 - Spend 30 minutes to an hour of family time using only candlelight.
2. Organizing My Digital World
 - Delete old emails or KakaoTalk messages.
 - Clean up photo or data libraries in Cloud accounts.
 - Collect used batteries and bring them to church for proper disposal.
3. Simple Ways to Save Electricity
 - Eco-friendly mobile phone use - reduce battery usage by lowering brightness, reducing screen time, and closing background apps.
 - Turn off devices at night - switch off laptops and tablets instead of leaving them in standby mode.
 - Energy strategy in the kitchen - for example, unplugging the rice cooker cord at night.