



Personal & Group Study Guide: April 24, 2022

Message Series: True or False: Fact-Checking Controversial Christian Claims

Message Title: SOCIAL MEDIA IS EVIL

Series Intro: Today we're starting a new series called - **True or False: Fact-Checking Controversial Christian Claims**. We're going to dig into some pretty serious topics ranging from social media and climate change to drinking alcohol and God's preferred pronouns. Every week, you'll have the opportunity to tell us where you land on each "Christian claim" by answering *true, mostly true, mostly false, or false* and we'll share the results at the start of every message.

Before hearing this message, what was your general opinion of social media and its effects? What experiences - whether positive or negative - led you to that conclusion?

What are some of the most "evil" aspects of social media as we know it today? And what are some of its more positive contributions to our lives?

Biblical Wisdom about Social Media

1. Social Media is like a _____.

How have you (or other people you've witnessed) used social media to build up rather than tear down, and to add to people's lives instead of diminishing their value?

Read Ephesians 4:29. Whether we're talking about social media or everyday life in the real world, what changes would you have to make in order to obey this passage?

2. Social Media is like _____.

Read Eph. 5:15-16. Given what we know about other harmful addictions (alcohol, etc.) and what we know about how addictive social media can be, why do you think so many people (esp. parents) tend to be complacent about the effects of social media on young people?

3. Social Media is like a _____.

Read Colossians 3:1-2. How does social media serve to show us who we really are?

Of the suggestions offered at the end of this message, which will be the most helpful to you, and which will be the most difficult to implement? As you transform your social media habits, what people, groups, spiritual disciplines (Bible Study, prayer, etc) will you look to for support and accountability?