

GAP 7: SCRIPTURE IN A DIGITAL AGE

Driving Question for Collaborative Design

How might Christians in the church, parachurch, and workplace collaborate to reach and disciple others through more effective Scripture engagement and sharing God's word in this digital age?

Description

Globally, people averaged approximately 7 hours of screen time per day in 2020, projected to increase by 2050. For the majority of the world, the digital age is shaping our relationships, desires, brain chemistry, decision making, character – and our faith formation to follow the way of Jesus. For better and worse, our digital age also impacts the way we read and distribute the Bible, including the context and communities in which Bible engagement occurs. There is a need for continual re-contextualization of this ancient Word in a modern world where most live an increasingly digital existence.

Acknowledging the digital turn, this conversation prayerfully explores:

Collaboration Questions

- What are wise practices for Scripture engagement in this digital age, whether modifying traditional practices or through digital forms? Specific Regional approaches?
- What are the needs for digital Bible distribution, and what is gained or lost in this mode of interaction?
- How can mission/church organizations/Christian technology professionals collaborate to better attend to the digital turn as it relates to Scripture engagement?
- What are the tools needed to successfully accomplish successful digital Scripture engagement, and guard against disrespect for God's word and deformation through digitizing revelation?

Sub-Topics

- Digital tools for Scripture engagement
- Organizational collaboration for increased digital Scripture engagement
- Wise practices for digital Scripture engagement

Preparation before Seoul 2024

Please read these sections of the State of the Great Commission Report:

- Introduction from the Theology Working Group
- Part I, on the State of the Great Commission globally, captured by text and graphics
- Part II, with the article on 'Scripture Engagement in a Digital Age'
- Part III for your particular region in which you primarily work or serve in church or parachurch