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2026 THEME
*Transformed to Bear Much Fruit*

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

# Digital Technology & Artificial Intelligence

*In the Service of the Great Commission*

*Genesis 1:27–28 · Matthew 28:19 · 2 Timothy 2:2*

## I Introduction

From the beginning, God's mandate to humanity was both cultural and missional. Humanity is created in God's image and commanded to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and exercise stewardship, which establishes influence, expansion, and responsibility (Genesis 1:27–28). This mandate is clarified and intensified in Matthew 28:19: go and make disciples of all nations. The original command to "fill the earth" becomes a redemptive mission to fill the earth with disciples. Mission is not optional; it is embedded in human identity and fulfilled through Christ's commission.

## II A Vast Mission Territory

Digital technology represents a vast, active mission territory. It multiplies access to the Gospel and creates unprecedented reach. Millions search daily for meaning, truth, and hope: this is a harvest field. Believers are called to function not as passive consumers but as intentional **digital missionaries**.

### The Risks

Faith reduced to consumable content; disconnected "virtual spirituality" without real community; image-driven leadership replacing authentic shepherding; online activity replacing local church engagement.

### The Corrective Model

A Church deeply rooted in teaching, fellowship, and shared life. God's method was not virtual: the Word became flesh (John 1:14). Digital tools must support, not replace, real discipleship. The Church must be hybrid: spiritually grounded, physically present, and digitally engaged (Hebrews 10:25).

*ACTS 2:42–47*

## III AI in the Service of the Great Commission

AI is a tool with significant missional utility but clear limitations. It can structure teaching materials, expand reach and efficiency, and support communication and content creation.

> ITS LIMITATIONS
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> *AI does not inspire: God does. AI does not convict: the Holy Spirit does (John 16:8). AI does not transform lives: God does.*

2 Timothy 2:2 highlights the true multiplication strategy: faithful people discipling others. AI can assist the process but cannot replace spiritual transmission. Acts 17:11–12 adds an essential discipline, **discernment**: believers must remain intellectually and spiritually engaged, testing all information, including AI-generated content, against Scripture.

## IV Discussion Questions

1. How does God's original command in Genesis connect to the Great Commission today?
2. In what ways can digital technology be used effectively for discipleship without weakening real community?
3. Which of the identified digital pitfalls is most evident in today's Church, and why?
4. How can believers maintain spiritual depth while using AI and digital tools?
5. What practical steps can you take to function as a "digital missionary" this week?

MEMORY VERSE

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

MATTHEW 28:19

✷ ACTION POINT

Commit to one intentional digital mission practice this week: share a Gospel-centred message or testimony, engage someone spiritually online with purpose, or use technology to disciple, encourage, or teach.

## Conclusion

The Church stands at a strategic intersection of mission and technology, where digital technology and AI are instruments. We are called by God's original and ongoing mandate, connected through unprecedented digital reach, and committed not to tools but to Christ. The mission remains unchanged: to make disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit, grounded in truth, lived out in community, and extended to the ends of the earth.