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On Being Creatures

The Dignity and Beauty of Being Human - Human 2.0?

Matthew Mason: Seminar 4

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This seminar is the fourth in a series of four. You can watch the seminars on your own or with your church, small group, or friends. Alongside these notes, there is a handout to accompany the seminar (<https://tinyurl.com/bdfsw4jn>). The questions/reflections below may help you discuss and work through how to apply what you've learnt to your own life. Start the video and then pause it when suggested to look at the question(s).

WATCH THE VIDEO:

Seminar 4:
<https://tinyurl.com/4fzdb7tz>



To watch the video, scan the QR code or go to @KeswickConvention on YouTube and search for Matthew Mason

SEMINAR OUTLINE

Is there a better way of being human? This seminar looks at transhumanism – what it is, what drives it and how the gospel offers a far more glorious hope.

QUESTIONS

Watch the video and pause it at 25:13 minutes. (<https://tinyurl.com/4fzdb7tz>)

1. 'We shape our tools and then our tools shape us' (Matthew Mason). How have you seen this to be true in our use of technology?
2. How have you noticed the drive for efficiency play out in church? What measures can we put in place to keep valuing people and relationships rather than just projects?

Restart video at 25:13 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/bdfztr35>) and watch until the end.

3. What are some of the fears and desires that propel the transhuman approach to life?
4. Measured against what the Bible teaches, what is right and what is wrong with the transhuman approach to death?
5. What do we need to consider when we think about where to cross the boundaries of our creaturely limits at the beginning and end of life?
6. What answers and hope does the gospel offer our technological society?



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REFLECTION/PRAYER

- As a group, think about the 'tools of conviviality' (Ivan Illich) you could use (or use better!) to build relationships within the church and among your non-Christian friends.
- Many of us are anxious about the rise of AI and the trajectory of medical ethics. Pray together for wisdom to know how to respond to current trends, trust in God's sovereign control, and opportunities to share gospel hope with friends and family.
- This week meditate on Psalm 16:11 and 73:24-28. Praise God that we can look forward to eternal joy in God's presence and even now, with our eyes fixed on the hope of glory, know he is our strength and delight.
- If you would like to think more about this topic you could read, 'Homo Deus: A brief history of tomorrow' by Yuval Noah Harari or '2084: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity' by John Lennox.