

Following Jesus in an Age of Disruption: Evaluating the Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the Church and Society

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Will AI reshape the future of work—or replace it altogether? What kind of education will best prepare the next generation? And how is technology reshaping the way we relate to one another? As followers of Jesus, we are called to be salt and light in a rapidly changing world. That calling includes engaging both the promise and the peril of powerful technologies like AI. At this event, we'll explore these questions through theological reflection, guided discussion, and practical case studies. Together, we'll consider how the Church can respond with wisdom, faithfulness, and hope in the face of ongoing technological change.

Originally from Germany, Daniel Topf spent over a decade in Asia before moving to the United States in 2015 to pursue a PhD in missiology at Fuller Theological Seminary. He worked as a missions coach with the sending agency World Team for almost nine years. Since August 2025 he has been the program director of intercultural studies at Lancaster Bible College (LBC). He is the author of *The Church's New Front Door: Technology as a Means for Christian Engagement in the Twenty-First Century*. Daniel is married to Annali Topf, an ordained minister with the Church of the Brethren and a board-certified chaplain. Together, they reside in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



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