

# AI IS HERE, NOW WHAT?

## **BREWED THEOLOGY: 5 Rules of Conversation**

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- 1) **Sit** in groups of 3-6.
  - So everyone gets to speak and hear.
- 2) **Assign Roles**
  - Timekeeper (keep your group moving on conversation timings)
  - Reader (read ALL the Crafted Conversation. Pause after bullet-points.)
- 3) **Converse the Conversation**
  - Speak from your experience, but prioritize listening.
  - Recognize: you may not know where others are coming from (or they you).
  - Heed the Timekeeper & Reader to keep conversation moving.
- 4) **Above all...**
  - Remember: EVERYONE here is a beloved child of God.
  - We're here to learn and share.
  - There's always more to each conversation.
- 5) **When you're done:**
  - Take 5 for a "bio-break."
  - *Prepare to listen* (if guest speaker present), and/or *share* a group highlight.
  - Remember to **Pay**. Please tip generously.

## WARM UP

5 MIN

Answer one:

- **When you hear “artificial intelligence,” what comes to mind today?**

OR

- **Have you ever used something like ChatGPT or another AI tool? What did you use it for? What surprised you?**

For our purposes, AI is technology that can generate responses, content, or decisions that feel human, and improve over time as it learns.

## PART 1

15 MIN

### Same Gospel, New Reality

The church has always been shaped by culture. While Jesus calls his followers “in” but not “of” the world (John 17), the church has adapted and adopted tools of the times, including technology. From the printing press, to radio, to sound systems and screens, to livestreaming.

- **How have the churches you’ve been a part of utilized technology? Was there resistance to implementing it?**

But this moment feels different. AI doesn’t just deliver content. It can now generate it. Respond to it. Even feel personal.

- **Where are you already encountering AI in your daily life? (work, school, emails, social media, searching online)**
- **What feels helpful about it? What feels unsettling?**
- **Do you think this is just another tool... or something fundamentally different?**

## PART 2

10 MIN

### Relationships, Loneliness, and AI

Recent reporting shows people forming emotional connections with AI—using it for conversation, advice, even companionship.

- **Why do you think people are drawn to AI as a “listener” or companion?**
- **What can AI provide well? What can it never provide?**
- **When does something feel like connection, but actually isn’t?**
- **How does this shape how we understand community and relationships?**

## **PART 3**

### **Truth, Trust, and Influence**

**7 MIN**

AI can now generate text, images, and even video that look real—but aren't.

- **How do you decide what to trust anymore?**
- **What concerns you most about AI and misinformation?**
- **Has there ever been a moment where technology “knew” more than you expected?**
- **What happens when truth becomes harder to recognize?**

## **PART 4**

### **Faith, Personhood, and Purpose**

**10 MIN**

While the Bible doesn't speak directly to artificial intelligence (its authors, inspired as they were, would never have imagined A.I. as we know it), it does offer insights into at least three topics relevant to A.I.: personhood in God's image, the scope of God's creation, and purpose or mission. Consider the questions below.

Optional texts:

Genesis 1:26–27 | Psalm 139 | Matthew 28:19–20

Personhood

- **What does it mean to be made in the image of God?**
- **Could a machine ever share that in any sense?**

Purpose

- **Jesus calls us to make disciples, teach, and love our neighbor**
- **Could AI participate in that work? How? Where are the limits?**

Authority

- **Who (or what) has the authority to speak about God?**

## **PART 5**

### **The Test**

**5 MIN**

Read both prayers out loud at your table:

**Prayer A:**

Gracious God, we thank you for this day. Guide us with wisdom, grant us courage. Be our constant companion, providing strength. Help us love our neighbors, embracing all that comes. We surrender this day to you. Amen.

**Prayer B:**

Gracious God: for the gift of a new day, we thank you. For your mercies

that are new every morning, we praise you. For your wisdom and help for whatever lies ahead, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Discuss:

- **Which one do you think was written by a human? Which by AI?**
- **Does it matter?**
- **What makes something feel “authentic” in faith?**

## **PART 6**

### **Final Questions**

**5 MIN**

- **If a sermon moved you, but you later found out it was written by AI, would that change anything?**
- **Where do you feel curious? Where do you feel cautious?**

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# BREWED THEOLOGY

A [pub, coffeehouse, church, anywhere]  
guided Crafted Conversation resource.

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- Crafted Conversations
- 50+ Topics on Faith & World
- Written by ELCA Pastors
- New Topics Added Regularly
- Church, Pub, Coffeeshop use
- Young Adults, Seniors, Youth
- 60-Minute Guided Talks
- Leader Guide Included
- Homework (Optional)

*"We talk about deep, intangible theological issues...issues that have no right or wrong answer...but give us the important practice of articulating and using our image of God – a loving, servant, and inclusive God – as our lens to burrow into and unravel different topics. It makes us think, but most importantly, **it connects us.**" -Kay, Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake*

## WATCH THIS



2-minute video:  
What is  
**BREWED  
THEOLOGY**



50+ ready-to-run  
"Crafted Conversations"

topic list  
on reverse



- Affluenza & Wealth
- Afterlife: Resurrection
- Artificial Intelligence
- Astrotheology & Aliens
- Baptism Theology
- Beggars & Panhandlers
- Christian Nationalism
- Christmas & Culture
- Church: Defining it
- Church: is it Dying?
- Church: Nones & Dones
- Climate & Creation Care
- Community: Let's Be It
- Decoding Denominations
- Difficult Conversations
- Divided Times
- Dying Well
- Election: What Happened?
- End Times & Revelation
- Evolution Theology
- Forgiveness Theology
- Generations, Wisdom Between
- Good Government
- Grief: Good & Whole
- Hell: What Is It?
- Holy Land
- Holy Humor
- ICE
- Immigrants & Refugees
- Individualism
- Law & Gospel
- Listening 101
- Made in God's Image
- Mental Health
- Money & Generosity
- Political Church
- Politics & Jesus' Party
- Retirement: the Third Act
- Sabbath Rest
- Self-Help: Myth & Grace
- Sports & God
- Stories: Sharing Ours
- Truth. Fake News. Gospel.
- Vocation: What is Life?
- War: "Just" & "Christian"
- The War on Xmas

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