"Technology and Christian Community"
by Arthur Boers

1. As a group, make a comprehensive list of all the communication devices and computer software you use. Boers says, "The issue is not technology, but the fact that we often do not reflect on how we are affected and formed by how we use technology." What considerations did you make when you acquired these devices?

2. How would you say technology has improved your relationships with others? How has it degraded your relationships with people?

3. On page 7 Boers talks about a congregation that decided to use technology to share announcements instead of making them at church. They thought more people would get the information if they didn't have to depend on being physically present with each other. To what extent does the church rely on our being physically present with each other? Is it an old-fashioned notion that people should come to church on Sunday morning in order to be a church community? Why or why not?

4. Do you agree with Boers that a group of people doing a common thing, such as watching the same television program or using Facebook together, are not really a community? Why or why not?