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## ***AI Goes to Church*** *Pastoral Wisdom for Artificial Intelligence*

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# Thinking Theologically About Artificial Intelligence

## What motivated you to write this book?

**Korpi:** *AI Goes to Church* was born out of a deep conviction that the church must proactively engage the transformative impacts of artificial intelligence with theological, ethical, and missional clarity. My intent is to equip believers to navigate the implications and application of AI thoughtfully, leveraging it for the gospel and human flourishing while grounding our approach in God’s wisdom.

## What is the central thesis of *AI Goes to Church*?

**Korpi:** The central thesis of *AI Goes to Church* is that artificial intelligence represents both a profound challenge and an extraordinary opportunity for the church. By engaging thoughtfully, Christians can navigate this new frontier in ways that promote human flourishing and advance the gospel. What sets this approach apart is its integration of theological reflection with practical application, bridging the gap between understanding AI’s complexities and equipping the Church to steward this technology wisely in service to God’s kingdom.

## What are five things you want readers to take away from your book?

**Korpi:**

1. **Theological Foundation:** A robust understanding of how AI intersects with Christian theology, including its implications for human identity, the image of God, and the church’s role in God’s mission.
2. **Ethical Discernment:** Conceptual tools to evaluate AI critically, considering its potential to both enhance human flourishing and exacerbate harm, particularly for vulnerable populations.
3. **Practical Integration:** Practical insights and strategies for leveraging AI in ministry, from discipleship to mission, while maintaining fidelity to the gospel.
4. **Missional Vision:** A call to see digital environments as significant mission fields and AI as a tool to creatively engage with people who might otherwise remain unreached.
5. **Hopeful Engagement:** Confidence that the church can faithfully navigate this technological age, discerning how to embrace innovation without compromising biblical principles. There’s no need to avoid the ongoing integration of AI into our lives, but rather a need to thoughtfully engage with the hope of new creation in view.

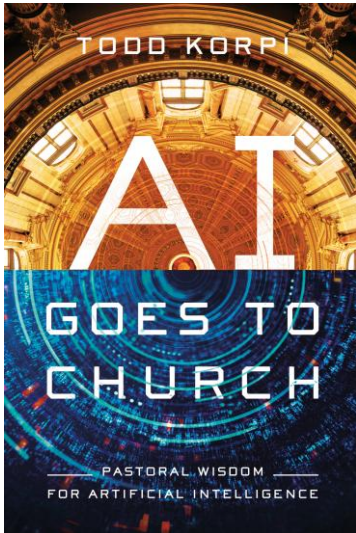


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**How is this book different from other books on AI?**

**Korpi:** My hope is to set this book apart from other ministry tech books in its emphasis on establishing thoughtful foundations rather than “hacking” useful applications. In other words, I’ve been very intentional to avoid this being a book that will teach great ChatGPT prompting (and thus, undoubtedly being irrelevant in a couple of years) and instead be a book with principles that have a more enduring quality.



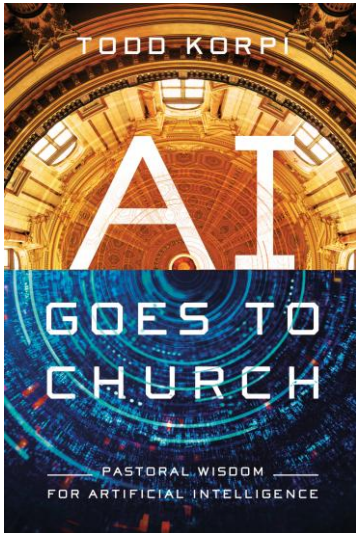
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## TALKING POINTS



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—**Dave Ferguson**, CEO of Exponential and author of *B.L.E.S.S.* and *Hero Maker*

## A Christian Conversation About Artificial Intelligence

*AI Goes to Church* unpacks one of the most significant technological advancements of our time—artificial intelligence—and what it means for the ministry.

AI represents a profound challenge—but also extraordinary opportunities—for today’s church. Whether you’re a pastor, ministry leader, or thoughtful believer—discover how faith and technology can intersect in meaningful ways. *AI Goes to Church* answers these questions:

- What is AI?
- How can the church lead the way in our culture’s conversation on AI?
- What does it mean to be human?
- How does AI involve questions of discipleship?
- How might AI help or hurt us?
- How might AI have bias?
- What are some of the pitfalls to avoid when thinking theologically about AI?
- How do we maintain the integrity of pastoral care when chatbots can mimic human empathy?
- How do we ensure that AI-driven applications gift us back our time so that we can steward it for the sake of the gospel and meaningful connection with others?
- If AI reaches a point of sentience, is it more or less human? Or at the least, can it be considered a “being”?
- Should AI “beings” be granted rights under the law?
- Should a human be punished for grotesque treatment of an AI?
- Is AI-generated pornography—which contains no images of real humans—still immoral?
- Should pastors recommend AI companion bots to quell a person’s loneliness? What about those bots which have “romantic partner” capabilities?
- Can my AI friend “get saved”?



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