

# AI for Ministry: Serving Smarter, Reaching Further

Welcome to our workshop exploring how artificial intelligence can amplify your ministries impact while honoring biblical principles. Let's discover how to use these new tools with wisdom and purpose.





# Recap & Welcome Back



## The Flashlight

AI illuminates  
information, helping us  
see clearly in darkness.



## The Yeast

AI multiplies our efforts,  
expanding our reach  
exponentially.



## The Hammer

AI amplifies our  
capabilities but requires  
skilled guidance.

# The Hammer: A Tool of Creation or Destruction

## Proverbs 27:17


"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

*Like a hammer, AI can shape and refine our work when used with skill.*

## Ephesians 4:29

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up..."

*We must use AI to build up, not tear down.*

A photograph of a desk in a bright room. On the desk is a tablet displaying 'FAITH & FOCUS WORKSHOP', a closed black book, a cup of coffee with steam, and an open Bible with a decorative bookmark. Sunlight streams in from a window in the background.

# What We'll Cover Today



## **Practical AI Applications**

Real-world examples you can implement today



## **Ethical Considerations**

Biblical principles for responsible AI use



## **Role-Specific Tools**

Tailored solutions for various ministry positions



# AI in Ministry Roles

## Pastors

- Sermon research assistance
- Prayer inspiration
- Biblical study enhancement

## Ministry Leaders

- Outreach strategy
- Volunteer coordination
- Resource creation

## Administrators

- Email drafting
- Event planning
- Content scheduling

## New Believers

- Scripture exploration
- Faith questions
- Discipleship guidance



# Prompt Demo 1:

## [Prayer/Devotional] Writing

### Input Prompt

"Write a prayer using themes  
from Psalm 23"

### Human Review

Personalize with your voice and  
spiritual insight



### AI Processing

Analyzes psalm themes of  
provision, guidance, and  
comfort

### Draft Output

Creates prayer foundation for  
your refinement



# Prompt Demo 2: Welcome Communication



## The Prompt

"Create a warm guest  
welcome email for Sunday  
service visitors"



## The Result

Personalized template ready  
for customization



## The Impact

Visitors feel valued through  
prompt, thoughtful follow-up

# Prompt Demo 3: Youth Ministry Ideas



## The Prompt

"List 3 youth outreach ideas with Scripture foundations"



## Community Service

**Matthew 25:40** - Serving "the least of these"



## Worship Night

**Psalm 150** - Creative expression in praise



## Mentorship Program

**Titus 2:6-8** - Modeling godly behavior



# Theology + Ethics in Practice



## Don't Replace Prayer

AI complements spiritual disciplines, never substitutes them

---



## Protect Private Information

Never share confidential details with AI tools

---



## Always Review Output

Human wisdom must verify AI-generated content



# Biblical Guardrails for AI Use



## Guard Your Heart

"Above all else,  
guard your heart,  
for everything you  
do flows from it."

**Proverbs 4:23**



## Wise Discernment

"Be as shrewd as  
snakes and as  
innocent as  
doves."

**Matthew 10:16**



## Test Everything

"Test them all;  
hold on to what is  
good."

**1 Thessalonians  
5:21**



# Great Commission + Great Technology

**7,000+**

Languages

*AI translation bridging language  
barriers*

**5B+**

Online Population

*Digital mission field growing  
daily*

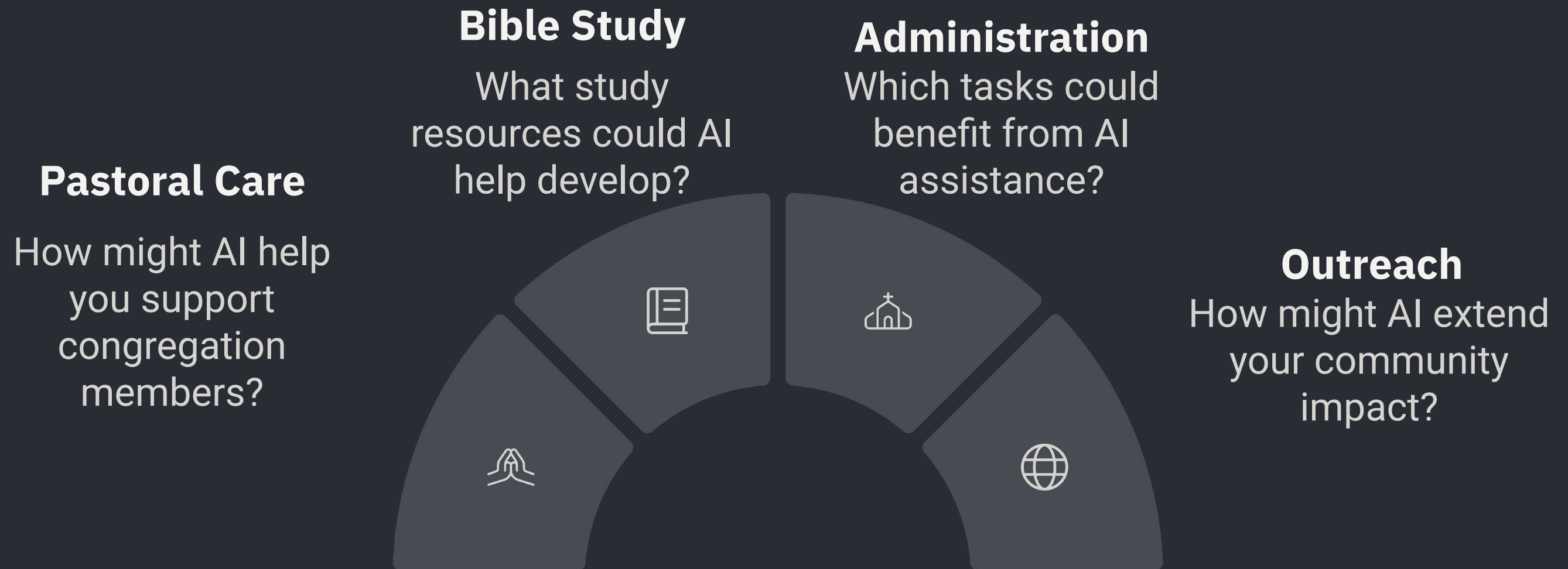
**24/7**

Availability

*Always-on tools supporting local  
and global outreach*

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...  
to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

# Imagined Prompt Activity







# Group Reflection

## Personal Reflection

Take a moment to consider one AI application for your ministry.

## Partner Discussion

Share your idea with someone sitting near you.

## Group Sharing

Would 2-3 brave voices share their thoughts with everyone?





# Key Lessons Summary



## **AI is a Tool, Not a Replacement**

Technology serves ministry; it doesn't substitute for Spirit-led leadership.



## **Always Apply Biblical Filters**

Test all AI output against Scripture and sound theology.



## **Amplify Your Reach**

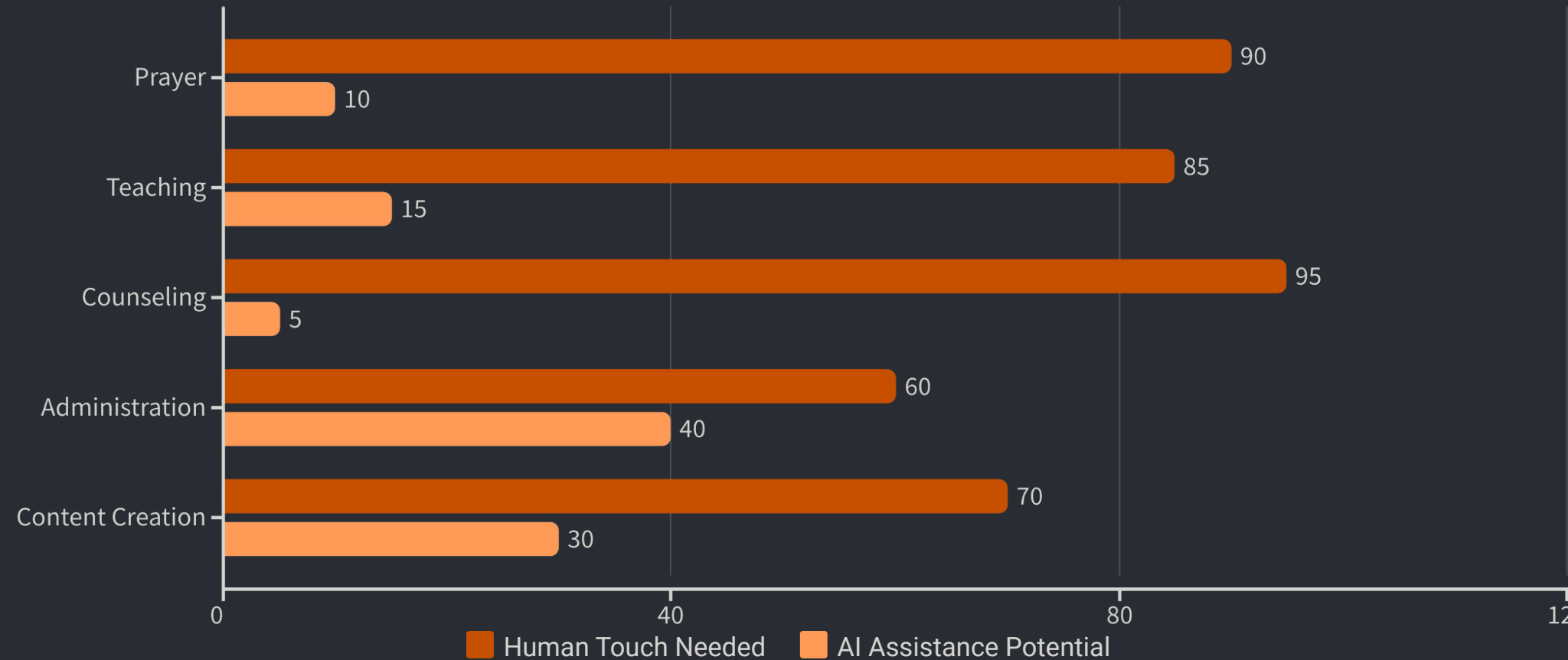
Use AI to extend ministry impact while maintaining authentic relationships.



## **Maintain Healthy Boundaries**

Set clear guidelines for when and how AI tools are appropriate.

# Good Stewards of Tools and Truth



*"Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:23*

**How will you steward these new tools for Kingdom impact?**

# Your Next Steps



## Practice Together

Form ministry-specific groups to explore AI applications.



## Access Resources

Complete workshop survey and I will send you an AI ministry guide



## Start With Prayer

Dedicate your technological endeavors to God's purposes.

# Connect With Us

Email [jeasterlin@shiftthemomentum.org](mailto:jeasterlin@shiftthemomentum.org)

Website [www.shiftthemomentum.org](http://www.shiftthemomentum.org)

Workshop Available for download

Slides

*We're here to support your journey with AI tools. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions or share your success stories!*



powered by dot.







# Recommended AI Tools for Ministry



## Text Generation

ChatGPT for drafting communications, study questions, and ministry ideas.



## Visual Creation

Canva with AI features for ministry graphics and presentations.



## Audio Transcription

Otter.ai for converting sermons and meetings into searchable text.



# Thank You!



## Pray

Seek God's guidance in your AI journey



## Experiment

Try small applications in your ministry context



## Share

Help others benefit from what you learn

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." **Romans 15:13***

# Closing Prayer

