

News Story Summary

At the CeBit Tech Summit in Hannover, Germany, the company Cerevo presented their VR (virtual reality) shoes, which have internal sensors, feedback, and a motor to sense the environment so the wearer can “feel” the world surface.

Epson showcased a recycling machine that turns used paper into a new usable sheet of blank paper in minutes. Cerevo also introduced a robot with a projector that wanders around your house, can wake you with beautiful music, and project the morning traffic on your ceiling.

Hitachi boss Toshiaki Higashihara explained that he hopes to realize an advanced digital world, and in consequence “help resolve the world’s social issues.”

(For more on this, search the Internet using the phrase “Japanese companies prepare to unveil”.)

Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention idea, share the news story. Focus on the preparation required and ask: *How much research and planning would be necessary for these companies to produce these new products? What kind of preparation was required for these companies to make these presentations?*

Explain to the group that the parable examined today reminds us of the need to be prepared. Encourage the group to compare the preparations needed to introduce a new product to the preparations called for by Christ.

Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, remind group members of the news summary. Focus on the quote by the leader of Hitachi and ask: *How do you respond to the assertion that technology will solve the world’s social issues? How might we more effectively prepare to show Christ as the answer with those around us?* Lead the group to develop a list of ways they can will help others see the reality of Christ’s return. Challenge to take action on one of the items listed.