Why Digital Distractions Lure Us.

- We use digital distractions to keep hard things away.
- We use digital distractions to keep <u>people</u> away.
- We use digital distractions to keep thoughts of eternity away.

Questions we should ask ourselves regularly:

- Does my digital connectedness <u>move</u> me toward God or away from him?
- Does my digital connectedness <u>edify</u> me and others, or do they build anything of lasting value?
- Does my digital connectedness expose my <u>freedom</u> in Christ or my <u>bondage</u> to technology?

10 Boundaries to Consider

- 1. Turn off all nonessential push notifications.
- 2. Delete expired, nonessential, and time-wasting apps.
- 3. At night, keep your phone out of the <u>bedroom</u>.
- 4. Use a <u>real</u> alarm clock, not your phone alarm, to keep the phone out of your hands in the morning.
- 5. Guard your morning disciplines and evening sleep patterns by using phone settings to <u>mute</u> notifications.
- 6. Invite people closest to you to offer feedback on your phone habits.
- 7. Recognize that much of what you respond to quickly can wait. Respond at a later, more convenient time.
- 8. Use strategic points during the day to read and respond to emails.
- 9. When eating with people leave your phone out of sight.
- 10. At strategic moments, digitally <u>detox</u> your life and recalibrate your ultimate priorities.

Resources: