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Working Through Digital Wisdom as a Parent

Your Child

- What is their personality and how might that affect how they are online, for good as well as bad?
- Do they fear being left out? How might instant connection affect them?
- Are they influenced by image? Do they want to be 'on trend'?
- Are they rebellious? How might they respond to limitations and restrictions?
- How are they creative/imaginative and how could that be expressed online?

Content

- What apps do they want and what do they do? How are connections made? How do users interact?
- What do you not know about these apps?
- What opportunities are there for discipleship and evangelism?
- What positive impact might these have on your child? What have they gained or learned by being online?
- What negative impact might these apps have on your child and how you mitigate against them?
- How do they feel after connecting online?

Safety

- Who might they engage with and how? Is there a difference if they're a girl or a boy?
- What sort of personal data is being shared?
- What settings can be put in place to protect them from harm?
- How can you engage with them on the app?

Phone limits

- What limits on phone use might work as a family?
- Where is it unsafe to use them?
- How much time is reasonable?
- What are you prepared to concede on?