# The Digital Fast

# Self Observation Exercise

#### **SEPTEMBER 22ND - SEPTEMBER 28**

- Spend week observing phone and screen usage
- Take phone survey

### Screen use in general

- Observe any unhealthy emotions
  - Is something phone/tv causing you to experience regular:
    - anxiety
    - fear
    - anger
    - jealousy
  - News programs anger, anxiety, fear
  - Social media posts anger, fear
  - Instagram jealousy/comparison, anxiety
- Observe any time suck
  - Are you getting caught up watching or looking at something for hours on end?
  - Are you finding forgetting or neglecting something else because of screen time?
  - Find yourself overindulging?
    - I'll just watch 1 episode (3 hours later...)
    - I'll just scroll for 15 mins (hours later...)

#### **For Phone**

- observe any repetitive behavior
  - randomly checking your phone without purpose
  - Checking phone in middle of conversation
  - Checking phone in middle of another activity
  - Immediately have to check notifications
  - o etc.
- Observe how often use phone for utility vs. distraction
  - Setting temperature in house Utility
  - Ordering morning coffee Utility
  - o Social media for 30 mins Distraction
  - Habitual online shopping Distraction

## **Pray for direction**

 Spend time in prayer about what God may be calling you to scale back or give up for the 4 weeks of the fast.