



# Raising Kids In A Digital Age Discussion Guide

## EPISODE 5: WHEN DO I GIVE MY KID A PHONE?

As this episode mentions, the question of when to give your kid a phone isn't a simple one. Still, there are plenty of important thoughts to consider, discuss, and strategize.

Episode #5 considers some critical milestones your kids should reach before getting a phone. It also presents some markers you'll need to notice and, as necessary, discuss with your kids in the season leading up to the granting of a smartphone.

Use the following questions to process your thoughts together!

### TALK ABOUT THIS:

- For those of you considering WHEN to give your kid a phone, what piece of advice felt most helpful?
- For those of you who have already granted your kid a phone, what was your process leading to that point? What do you wish you HAD done but didn't?
- Think about your specific kids for a second. What evidence of maturity or responsibility do you currently see in them (even if it is a small amount)?
- What challenges does or might your kid face with technology based on his or her specific wiring and/or type? What advantages might your kid have due to wiring or type?
- In light of this series:
  - What have been your biggest takeaways through this podcast series?
  - What conversations do you desire to initiate with your kids?
  - What changes or additions do you want to make?
  - What other adults will you continue having this conversation with on a regular basis?

### LINKS:

- **RESOURCES FOR PARENTS** from North Point Ministries.
- **VIDEO INTERVIEW:** Joy Interviews Andy Stanley on Technology & Parenting.
- **SMARTPHONE GUIDE:** Discussion Guide for Parents & Kids.