

MOVIE NIGHT

THE SOCIAL DILEMMA

BEST USE

As a movie night discussion guide

VALUE

Leads to discussions about technology and its unseen control on us

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- The Social Dilemma is available on Netflix. It is rated PG-13, primarily for mature themes (e.g. discussion of suicide, scenes of violence and some profanity). Learn more about the rating at <https://tinyurl.com/socialrating> or by scanning the QR code.
- We recommend this movie for 11 years old and up, especially if they already have a smart phone. With any movie, we recommend prescreening before any child/children view it. Previewing additionally prepares you for guiding the conversation.
- Review the discussion questions on the back in advance.
- Have a Bible at hand.



FILM SYNOPSIS

Set in the dark underbelly of Silicon Valley, The Social Dilemma fuses investigative documentary with enlightening narrative drama. Expert testimony from tech whistle-blowers exposes our disturbing predicament: the services Big Tech provides—search engines, networks, instant information, etc.—are merely the candy that lures us to bite. Once we're hooked and coming back for more, the real commodity they sell is their prowess to influence and manipulate us.

—Sundance Film Festival

SERVE IT UP

- **Step One:** Invite your family, friends, neighbors, or anyone else to a enjoy a movie night.
- **Step Two:** Have a Bible ready, pop popcorn or gather some favorite movie candies, and enjoy the movie selection.
- **Step Three:** Discuss the questions below.

DISCUSS THE MOVIE

After watching the movie, ask the following questions:

- Have you ever felt the pull of your devices like they describe in the movie?
- The inventors of these technologies are concerned about what technology has done and is doing to us. What are your thoughts?
- What is your reaction to one of the interviewees saying he had to write software to break his addiction to other software?
- What aspect of technology do you feel drawn in to the most?
- For families with teens: have you experienced anything that the storyline characters have experienced? What was that like for you?

TALK ABOUT GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

- Read Ephesians 2:8–10. Instead of searching for “fake brittle popularity” on social media, what does God’s word say about our value and worth? How does this encourage you?
- Read Revelation 21:1–7 and Romans 8:18–24. Near the end, the documentary suggests new regulations and laws are the solution to solve this social dilemma. Although admirable, this conclusion falls short of perfection and will never fully solve the problem. What greater hope do we have as followers of Jesus?

PRAY

Close by giving thanks to God for your time together as family/friends. Ask for His wisdom in making God-honoring choices around technology and His direction for building healthy rhythms of technology so you can walk in freedom.