

## Talk it Over: Atypical, Week 2

**February 26-27, 2022**

**Looking back at the message this weekend, what was the key thought for you?**

### Key Scripture

“We must pay more careful attention to the truth we have heard so that we do not drift away from it.” Hebrews 2:1

Other Scriptures:

Matthew 7:13, 1 Peter 1:14-16, Psalm 69:9-12, Proverbs 29:25, John 15:18-19, John 15:19-20, Matthew 5:10, Matthew 5:11-12.

### Key Thoughts

1. If you want what typical people have, do what typical people do.
2. If you want what few people have, do what few people do.’

Two Pressures to Overcome:

1. Inward Pressure: The need to People Please.
2. Outward Pressure: Persecution.

How do we stop Spiritual Drift?

1. Read your Bible.
2. Honor the Sabbath.
3. Connect in Prayer.

Big Idea: People drift spiritually when they are not intentional about their relationship with God and take little steps to make a big impact.

### Start Talking

(Find a conversation starter for your group)

Ice Breaker: When you hear that Christians are atypical, what comes to mind? Is this a good or bad thing? Do

you think that your life would look more like Jesus if you were a little bit less like everyone else?

### Start Thinking

(Ask questions to get your group thinking)

Troy spoke about doing atypical things if we want to be like Jesus. He said that Jesus was holy and called His people to be holy too. Isn't that a big ask? Maybe an impossible ask? What do you think it means to be holy? Remember what Troy said when he talked about being set apart, different, God's best. What do you think that practically looks like in real life?

More than just doing good, Jesus was calling us to live according to the power of the Holy Spirit and to follow His example and live for God. Jesus wanted us to realize the holiness that He gave us after dying on the cross for our sins. We are holy because He is holy doesn't mean we have to be perfect. But it does show us how much Jesus has done for us and why we should strive to be different.

Why do many Christians struggle to be different from the world? Can you think of a time when you followed the world's example and regretted it? Please share a story with the group if you are willing.

Troy identified two key pressures that we face when it comes to living for Jesus. These are fear of man and persecution. How have both pressures impacted your life?

### Start Praying

Troy stated, “Worrying about what People think about you is the quickest way to forget what God thinks about you!” Let's take a few minutes to take

this powerful statement and make it a reality. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the three biggest sources of inward or outward pressure against following Jesus' lead to be atypical?

Take five minutes, pray and ask for revelation and just think about what those people or situations are. Write them down on a piece of paper if that is helpful. Then look at those three pressures and ask for God to show you what He says about those things. As you get a better understanding of what is going on behind the scenes, keep this in mind and pray about those triggers over the next week, ask for the Holy Spirit to change how you look at those people, situations, or things.

### **Start Doing**

We all tend to drift away from our ideal selves and goals. Just like people stop exercising or forget that new diet, we also drift spiritually sometimes in our lives. Troy mentioned three key things to do to jump-start our movement back toward a deeper walk with God.

- 1.) Read the Bible
- 2.) Honor the Sabbath,
- 3.) Connect in Prayer.

Pick one and develop a plan to start activating that practice in your life over the next month. Tell someone who can hold you accountable and encourage you as you try to start drifting one little step at a time. Then the following month, start working on the second one, and repeat this cycle for the third month. Make these a habit and look for the joy in them, continue these actions into the future.