

## Talk it Over: Atypical, Week 5

**March 19-20, 2022**

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

### Key Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Proverbs 22:6

### Additional Scriptures:

Matthew 7:13-14, Psalm 127:4, Proverbs

### Key Thoughts

A parent's priority is to transfer their child's dependence onto God.

The Two Most Important Parenting Principles:

1. We must love our God.
2. We must lead our children.

Train your kids...

...to be responsible. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

...to carefully select their friends.

(Proverbs 13:20)

...to watch their words. (Proverbs 18:20)

...to guard their minds. (Proverbs 23:7)

...to fear God. (Proverbs 1:7)

### Start Talking

To kick off this week's discussion, ask your small group to think back over the sermon, "Atypical" and share one thing that stood out to them to get the conversation going.

### Start Thinking

Troy talked about how some parents are super strict, some are super lenient, and many shoot for the middle of that spectrum. Which end of that spectrum

do you lean toward? Why isn't either end of that spectrum ideal?

Do you prioritize your children's holiness more than their happiness? What about yourself?

Do you feel like you actively love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, or do you give him a little bit of your day or a little bit of your week?

### Start Sharing

Does the way that you are living show your love for God? How do people who obviously love God live?

What does it look like to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Why is it important to shift our children's dependence on God, not just on themselves? How do we do that?

How can we help to stir up a hunger and craving for God in our children? (Or in others around us for non-parents)

Troy shared a list of things we should teach our children. If you are a parent, what is one thing you are really trying to teach your children right now? If you aren't a parent, what is something you think is important for parents to teach their children?

### Start Praying

Thank God for the model of fatherhood that we have in Him.

Pray for wisdom for the parents in your group.



Pray for their children to develop a love, hunger, thirst, and personal knowledge of God.

Pray for any parenting struggles that may have come up during your discussion.

### **Start Doing**

Consider reading Proverbs over the next month.

Pay attention to how you are moving through life this week, noticing if you are living in a way that shows your love for God and leads others to see his goodness and power. If not, pray about how you can do that more.