

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What is one of the most impulsive things you have ever done (or bought)? What was so satisfying about your impulsive act?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 John 2:15-17, Luke 15:12 and Genesis 25:29-32.

These passages show us that normal people want what they want now and trade the ultimate for the immediate.

- What do you think are some of the causes of normal people's need for immediate satisfaction?
- Why do think the things and values of the world are so enticing to us?
- What desires are holding you back from living in the "custom weird" way God is calling you to live?
- What is your bowl of stew – the main desire that you're trading in God's best for?

Read Proverbs 16:32, Psalm 37:4 and Galatians 5:16-25.

These verses describe how weird people know later is often better than now and how they seek God until His desires become their own.

- What does patience and self-control look like in your life? Where do you need improvement?
- Why is having patience and self-control such a struggle for most people? What is the Spirit's role in this conflict?
- In what ways do your desires match up with God's? What makes these desires so different than any others you may have?
- How will you get help to overcome the sinful desires that have a hold on you?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you get weird in a God way by overcoming your sinful desires and seeking God's desires instead:

Pick up a copy of Pastor Craig's book entitled *Weird*. In this book, you will learn how to stop your normal way of thinking when it comes to such things as money, time, sex, relationships, and your values and start thinking weird in a God way. You can pick up the book at most local Christian bookstores and at online book retailers.

Get *Weird* in your own devotional time or with your LifeGroup by using the *Weird* study guide. This five to six-week study guide will guide you through Pastor Craig's book with questions related to each section, which consists of three chapters each. You can download a copy of the study guide at: http://ext.lifechurch.tv/pdf/WEIRD_Book_Study_Guide.pdf

Talk It Over with God:

- Confess those areas of life where you are trading in the immediate for the ultimate. Ask God to help you wait for God's best.
- Ask God to help free you from the sinful desires that have a hold on you.
- Confess to God your bowl of stew and commit to Him that you will trade in those desires for the best that He has for you.
- Ask God to help His Spirit lead you to greater patience and self-control in all areas of life.
- Ask God to show you His desires. Commit to making His desires your own.

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