

Do I Really want “Average?”

PECULIAR | Week 1



HOMEWORK (DONE BEFORE GROUP) _____

Read **John 6**



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) What is something you wore or did when you were younger that was “cool” that you now look back on with embarrassment?
- 2) Share a story of a time you “stood out” in a negative way.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) What was something in this Sunday’s message that stood out to you, inspired you, or challenged you?
- 2) What are the things everyone is chasing after in our culture today?
- 3) Have you ever intentionally kept your faith in Christ a little hidden? Have you ever worried how it might affect a relationship?
- 4) What do you think or feel when you hear the word “**holy**”?
- 5) What radical or counter-cultural teaching of Jesus do you have the most difficult time adopting into your life?
- 6) If you were arrested for your faith in Jesus Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Would there be eyewitnesses?



GOING DEEPER

READ - **John 6:25-69** together

- 1) What jumps out to you in this passage? What is interesting, challenging, or something you've never noticed before?
- 2) Why do you think the crowd is following Jesus? (verse 26)
- 3) What do verses 28-29 teach us about getting right with God?
- 4) In verse 34 the crowd asks for bread but instead Jesus offers himself and the hope of the Gospel. Has there ever been a time when you've prayed and didn't get the answer you'd hoped for?
- 5) What does it mean that Jesus offers *himself* instead of bread?

READ - **John 3:3-4**

- 6) How are the crowd's confusion in John 6 and Nicodemus' confusion in John 3 similar? How do we partake in the bread of life?
- 7) In John 6:66 it says that many disciples turned back and quit following Jesus. What do you think are "deal-breakers" for many would-be followers of Christ?
- 8) Why do the disciples stick with Christ instead of going with the crowd? Is it hard to follow when you follow alone?



LIVING IT OUT

Craig Groeschel says: *If you want what everyone has, do what everyone does... But if you want what few have, do what few do.*

- 1) What do you want to develop in your life, faith, family, marriage, career, or heart? What would it take to get there?
- 2) What's one area you feel like God is calling you to make a change that this group can hold you accountable to during this series?