



Outward Group Discussion Guide

March 8, 2026 (Silverton)

SUMMARY

This sermon examines the Eighth Commandment - "You shall not steal" - revealing that theft extends far beyond physical robbery to encompass subtle ways we take from God and others. The message explores how we steal from God by taking credit for His gifts, failing to recognize His provision, withholding worship and gratitude, and not giving our tithes and time. The pastor emphasizes that 90% of Christians believe they don't break this commandment, but this statistic only reveals we've forgotten what stealing actually means. The sermon culminates in the gospel truth that Jesus Christ is the only person who never stole, yet He willingly died between two thieves on a cross meant for us. Through His sacrifice, we are freed from the shame of being thieves and called to move from stealing to generosity, recognizing that everything we have belongs to God and is given so we can be a blessing to others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what subtle ways might you be stealing from God in your daily life, whether through taking credit for accomplishments, misusing time, or withholding worship and gratitude?
2. How does the statement that Jesus calls us friends rather than servants change your understanding of your relationship with God, and does this knowledge affect how you approach obedience to His commands?
3. The sermon suggests that 90% of Christians believe they don't break the eighth commandment, yet most have forgotten what stealing actually means. What does this reveal about how we measure our own righteousness?
4. When have you been tempted to get as close to the line of sin as possible without crossing it, rather than moving away from that line toward Christ-likeness?
5. How does contentment in Christ differ from contentment in material possessions, and what practical steps can you take to cultivate true contentment in your relationship with Jesus?

6. The pastor mentions that when we think we can change ourselves or others through our own power, we are stealing from God. Where in your life are you trying to maintain control instead of surrendering to God's transforming work?
7. If everything we have, including our talents, time, and resources, truly belongs to God, how should this truth reshape the way we view tithing and generosity?
8. Have you robbed God of glory by failing to share your testimony of how Jesus has transformed your life? Who in your life needs to hear about the miracle of salvation you have experienced?
9. The sermon states that we cannot love our neighbor without first loving God. How does this ordering of the commandments challenge modern notions of living a morally good life without faith?
10. What does it mean that Jesus was crucified between two thieves, and how does recognizing that the third cross was meant for you change your response to His sacrifice?