



# Outward Group Discussion Guide

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## SUMMARY

This sermon explores the sixth commandment, "You shall not murder," revealing that it extends far beyond physical killing to encompass our attitudes, words, and thoughts toward others. The message emphasizes that human life has unique value because we are made in God's image, and that Jesus expanded this commandment to include anger, insults, and any devaluing of another person. The sermon challenges listeners to examine how they treat, speak about, and think of others—including political opponents, difficult family members, coworkers, and strangers. Ultimately, it points to Jesus as our example, who remained silent during His crucifixion and asked the Father to forgive His murderers. The good news is that while we all stand guilty as "murderers" in our hearts, Jesus paid the price for all our sins, enabling us to walk in righteousness and follow His example of honoring every image bearer of God.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does understanding that God saved the Israelites before giving them the Ten Commandments change your perspective on the relationship between grace and obedience in your own life?
2. In what ways do you find yourself treating the commandment against murder as a 'box to check' rather than examining the deeper heart issues Jesus addresses in Matthew 5?
3. Why do you think our culture is simultaneously obsessed with murder in entertainment while claiming moral distance from it in real life?
4. How does recognizing every person as an image bearer of God challenge the way you speak about politicians, difficult family members, or people you disagree with?
5. What does C.S. Lewis mean when he says we live in a society of 'possible gods and goddesses,' and how should this reality affect our daily interactions?
6. James says we bless God and curse His image bearers with the same tongue—where do you see

this contradiction most clearly in your own life or community?

7. How can we practically demonstrate that human life has unique value as described in Genesis 9:6 in conversations about abortion, suicide, or capital punishment?
8. What would it look like for you to give someone the 'weight of glory' that their status as an image bearer deserves, especially someone you find dull or uninteresting?
9. How does Jesus's silence and prayer for forgiveness on the cross challenge your natural responses when you feel wronged, insulted, or attacked?
10. If murder is truly a position of the heart rather than just a physical action, what specific heart attitudes or thought patterns do you need to confess and surrender to God?