



# Outward Group Discussion Guide

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## SUMMARY

This sermon explores the Eighth Commandment—"You shall not steal"—revealing that stealing extends far beyond physical theft to include robbing God of His glory, time, resources, and recognition. The message challenges the notion that 90% of Christians who claim they never break this commandment may have forgotten what stealing truly means. Through personal anecdotes and biblical teaching, the sermon demonstrates how we steal from God when we take credit for our abilities, withhold tithes and contributions, fail to acknowledge Him as the source of our blessings, and live as though we are in control rather than trusting His provision. The gospel message emphasizes that while we are all thieves, Jesus—the only innocent one—died between two thieves on a cross meant for us, paying the penalty for all our stealing. His sacrifice not only frees us from the need to steal but empowers us to live generously, recognizing that everything we have belongs to God and is given to us as stewards of His kingdom.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways do we steal from God by claiming credit for our abilities, achievements, or blessings rather than giving Him glory?
2. How does the conviction of the Holy Spirit differ from worldly guilt, and what does it reveal about our relationship with God?
3. Why is contentment in Christ essential to overcoming the temptation to steal, and how can we cultivate this contentment in our daily lives?
4. The sermon suggests that 90% of Christians believe they never break the eighth commandment. What does this reveal about our understanding of what it truly means to steal?
5. How does focusing only on the last six commandments while neglecting the first four lead to moral failure rather than moral living?
6. In what ways do we steal time, resources, or glory from others in our workplaces, families, or communities without recognizing it as theft?
7. What does it mean that we are called to be stewards rather than owners of what God has

given us, and how should this change our relationship with money and possessions?

8. How does the gospel free us not only from the guilt of stealing but also empower us to become generous people?
9. Why does God care so deeply about our heart posture and motivations rather than just our outward actions and appearances?
10. Jesus died between two thieves on a cross meant for us. How should this reality transform the way we view our sin and His sacrifice?