

# OUTRAGE

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## MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message confronts the growing culture of outrage taking root in our society by offering people an alternative to anger in the way of Jesus. Deep political divisions and echo chambers make communication more difficult and taint what starts as disagreement with hostility and hatred. The opinion of non-Christians toward Christians and vice versa have only worsened in recent years. Yet both those inside and outside the church register concern about the lack of civility in culture today. By contrast, Jesus faced deep anger and mischaracterization by those who hated him, yet he responded by rejecting outrage with love and kindness.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Watch the following ad: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fuwf0tPnhAA>. What comes to mind for you about this ad and the message from Sunday?
2. What's a current circumstance in your life that causes you to respond with anger?
3. Read [Luke 22:47-53](#). What motivated Jesus' followers to respond with a sword? How would you have wanted to respond?
4. How is Jesus' response to those who came to arrest him so different than expected?
5. Read [Matthew 5:38-48](#). Which one of the following responses is the easiest for you? The hardest? 1. Choose Generosity Over Outrage. 2. Choose Sacrificial Service Over Resistance. 3. Choose Love Over Hate.
6. How does Christian outrage hurt our witness? Is there appropriate outrage?
7. Can you think of an example where outrage overwhelmed the truth?
8. We talked about two takeaways: 1. Take yourself less seriously; 2. Take your witness more seriously. Which one requires the most work for you?

## PRAY

*End your group time in prayer.*