



## “Introduction to the SOTM”

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### **Begin with Prayer**

1. Who are some of your favorite preachers and how do you think Jesus would have stacked up against the most popular of our day?
2. Read Matthew 4:23-5:48. What has been your level of study and understanding of the SOTM previously?

**\*Challenge = Read** Matthew 5-7 many times over the coming months as we work our way through the SOTM and **Memorize** key verses. This is something your group or family could do together.

3. Review the Preacher, Place, and People of the SOTM. What challenges do you think Jesus would have faced in communicating effectively in this context, and what challenges do you think the people would have faced trying to understand Jesus’ message?
4. There are various views as to purpose of the SOTM (Review some from the sermon notes). How do our own personal biases, preferences, and experiences tend to shape how we interpret and apply Scripture? What are some ways we can make sure we are as unbiased as possible when allowing God’s Word to inform our lives? [Read II Tim. 3:16-17]
5. How would you summarize the SOTM? [Read John 13:34]
6. Skim through Matthew 5-7 [Feel free to use the outline given] highlighting truths that are relevant for our modern day. How does the timelessness of Jesus’ sermon point to a Divine author? What are some ways we can share these truths with people around us?
7. Read Matt. 5:6; 6:24; 7:24. How does the SOTM point us to Jesus and our need to submit to Him? What is your next step in your spiritual journey?
8. Pray for one another as you seek to take your next steps in Spiritual formation and growth.