

## Questions for MOB Overview Study of the Sermon on the Mount

- How would you describe, in a few words, what the Sermon on the Mount is all about?
- In what ways, according to John Stott, is the Sermon on the Mount like God's word to Israel in the Old Testament?
- What's necessary (again according to John Stott) in order to keep us from reading the Sermon on the Mount with either "foolish optimism" or "hopeless despair"?
- How is the Sermon on the Mount a good example of why it's important to have a working understanding of the rest of the Bible?
- What are some verses in the Bible that come to mind as you grapple with the context of the Sermon on the Mount?
- How would you describe the range of topics that Jesus discussed in the Sermon on the Mount—topics which touch on practically every area of our lives?
- How might a study of the Sermon on the Mount lead someone not well-versed in Scripture to misunderstand, or misinterpret, its implications for God's plan of redemption?
- What portion of the Sermon on the Mount do you find most troubling? Or most encouraging? And why?
- Why is the "cross"—and the "rest of Matthew" (and the rest of the Bible for that matter)—necessary for properly understanding the Sermon on the Mount?
- What will you take with you always from your study of Matthew?