



Mere Christianity Book Study

Fall 2013

TEXTS

Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis. (Harper Publishing, 2001; although any version/printing you have will do). Available from Amazon.

Mere Christianity: Discussion and Study Guide by Joseph Mellichamp (Thousand Fields Publishing). Available from Amazon.

SCHEDULE

While we have an outline for our weekly schedule, we will undoubtedly change it as we go along. Don't worry about where you are in the book each week – there are no quizzes and no one will be checking to see how far you've read. We will read a good bit aloud as part of our discussion. Since the concepts Lewis presents are core beliefs of the Christian faith, you will have some familiarity with those concepts and something to contribute to the group discussion. Likewise, if you can't attend each Thursday, don't worry – you'll be able to participate in the discussion no matter how often you're able to attend. Our goal is to enjoy the company and fellowship during our time together and to discover why *Mere Christianity* continues to be called the 'most important book of the century.'

Book I – Right & Wrong As A Clue To The Meaning Of The Universe

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| August 8 | Preface, Chapter 1 & 2 in <i>Mere Christianity</i> (MC)
& pp. iii – 7 in the Study Guide (SG) |
| Aug 15 | MC: Chapters 3, 4 & 5 (pp. 16-34) and SG: pp. 8-19 |

Book II – What Christians Believe

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| August 22 | MC: Chapters 1 & 2 (pp 35-46) and SG: pp. 20-29 |
| Aug 29 | MC: Chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 47-59) and SG: pp. 30-39 |
| September 5 | MC: Chapter 5 (pp. 60-69) and SG: pp. 40-43 |

Book III – Christian Behaviour

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| Sept 12 | MC: Chapters 1 & 2 (pp 69-81) and SG (pp. 44-53) |
| Sept 19 | MC: Chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 82-93) and SG (pp. 54-60) |
| Sept 20 | MC: Chapter 5&6 (pp. 94-114) and SG (pp. 65-70) |
| Sept 27 | MC: Chapters 7 & 8 (pp. 115-128) and SG (pp. 78-88) |
| October 3 | MC: Chapters 9 & 10 (pp. 129-137) and SG (pp. 89-97) |
| Oct 10 | No Class – Father Tripp will be at a conference in Philadelphia |
| Oct 17 | MC: Chapters 11 & 12 (pp. 138-144) and SG (pp. 98-107) |

Book IV – Beyond Personality – Doctrine of the Trinity

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| Oct 24 | MC: Chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 153-165) and SG (pp. 108-118) |
| Oct 31 | MC: Chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 166-177) and SG (pp. 119-129) |
| November 8 | MC: Chapters 5 & 6 (pp. 178-186) and SG (pp. 130-139) |
| Nov 15 | No Class – Father Tripp will be at Camp Mikell @ High School Retreat |
| Nov 22 | MC: Chapter 7 (pp. 187-194) and SG (pp. 140-144) |
| Nov 29 | No Class – Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 10:00 am |
| December 5 | MC: Chapters 8 & 9 (pp. 195-206) and SG (pp. 145-154) |
| Dec 12 | MC: Chapters 10 & 11 (pp. 207-227) and SG (pp. 155-167) |

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December 12 will be our last Thursday meeting
until after the Christmas Holidays.

We'll return to our Thursday schedule beginning January 9
and we will return to a regular Bible Study: *"The Parables of Jesus"*