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Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry provides on-site pastoral care and Bible discussion groups for the students, faculty, staff, and administration in the collegiate communities in and around Columbia, Missouri.



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### Next Time:

Book Three *Christian Behaviour* ch. 4 “Morality and Psychoanalysis” pp. 88-93. Find three sentences which are meaningful or which make you want to ask a question. Try to pick out the most important points to discuss.

If you would like a copy of a Christian Bible in English, please ask Pastor Spotts, who has some to give away. If you would like to read in your native language, we can try to find it in print or at a reliable website. We also have a few copies of *Mere Christianity* in stock.

**Bring a friend, make a friend!**

## **Mere Christianity 13** **Book Three *Christian Behaviour*** **Ch. 3 “Social Morality” pp. 82-87**

On page 82, Lewis points out, “Christ did not come to preach any brand new morality.” Most Christians would agree with this. Reflect on and discuss what you understand that Christ came to do.

Lewis sums up social morality in terms of the “Golden Rule” - do as you would have people done to you. Is there a difference between this concept as individuals and as whole societies? What, if any, difference can you find?

On page 83 Lewis suggests that people want the Church to lead in matters of public morality, but that they actually want the Church to lead in matters of political policy. Evaluate and discuss this idea.

By a similar token, how do we experience our broader, non-Christian culture, telling the Church what attitudes it should take on? What is an appropriate response to this phenomenon?

Discuss Lewis' view of the laity exercising their expertise in fields such as politics, economics, art, and the like. How does this relate to the historic doctrine of Christian vocation?

On page 84 and following, Lewis suggests that "a Christian society would be what we now call Leftist." How does he seem to understand "Leftist"? How is it like and unlike a 21<sup>st</sup> century American understanding of the term?

On page 85, Lewis questions economics based on lending and charging interest. Reflect on and discuss various views of charging for financial opportunities.

Giving to the poor is a very important feature of historic Christian practice. Lewis questions whether we might be able to act in such a way as to eliminate poverty. Reflect on this idea and discuss the practicalities.

Lewis speaks a good deal about a "Christian society" around page 87. What does he mean by a "Christian society"? Is it something we can, will, or desire to see? Why or why not?