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Christian History Made Easy (Rose Bible Basics)

31. Study Guide: Introductory Session

This is a leader's guide for the opening group session of Christian History Made Easy, not a content chapter. It lays out how to run a 40-90 minute meeting: prep, worship, a matching activity, and discussion. Its one real idea is why church history is worth studying at all.

Key takeaways

- The session's theme: church history is your family history. If you belong to the church, its story is your story.
- The 'church' is both the local, visible fellowship of baptized believers and the invisible fellowship of all God's people, living and dead.
- Some Christians ignore church history because it seems hard to understand and hard to apply to daily life.
- It matters because it shapes how we read Scripture, how we view God, and how we worship.
- The matching activity introduces key figures across the centuries (Peter, Constantine, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Bonhoeffer, Graham, and others).

Scripture referenced

- **Colossians 1:18** -- Christ as head of the church
- **1 Timothy 3:14-15** -- the church as God's household