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Christian History Made Easy (Rose Bible Basics)

35. Chapter Four Discussion and Review Session (AD 376–664)

This is a leader's guide for a group session reviewing Chapter Four, not new content. It walks a teacher through worship, a review of the learning activity, a short lecture on the early church (AD 370–664), and a life-application exercise. The unifying theme is servanthood: are church leaders 'servant-leaders' or 'leaders of servants'?

Key takeaways

- The session's core question is 'How's your serve?' — do we expect leaders to serve us, or do we accept our own call to be servant-leaders?
- Students evaluate historical figures (Ambrose, Cyril, Gregory, John Chrysostom, Hilda, Justinian, Olympias, Theodosius) as servant-leaders or leaders of servants — noting many were both at different times.
- It reviews key chapter facts: the AD 381 First Council of Constantinople produced what we call the Nicene Creed, and One-Nature Christians believed Jesus' deity absorbed his humanity.

- A discussion point: how the divide between clergy and laypeople crept into the church, and whether churches today encourage every believer to serve.
- Closes with early-church hymns (Ambrose, Patrick, Columba, Gregory) offered as worship material.

Passages worth keeping

“Do I expect church leaders to serve me and my church's needs? Or, have I accepted my God-given responsibility to be a servant-leader in my church?”

States the session's central self-examination

Scripture referenced

- **Mark 10:43–45** -- Jesus' teaching that greatness means serving; the disciples once fought for power
- **Philippians 2:5–8** -- Benediction reading on Christ's self-emptying servanthood