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Christian History Made Easy (Rose Bible Basics)

36. Chapter Five: Discussion and Review Session

This is a teacher's session guide, not narrative content. It lays out a group meeting to review Chapter Five (the Byzantine era, icon disputes, Empress Irene) and to apply its lesson: how Christians should correct others. The core aim is teaching Christ-like criticism.

Key takeaways

- The session's motto: Christ-like criticism = compassion + comprehension + a desire to help others know Christ.
- Kindness does not require silence. Sometimes Christians must point out errors, but three attitudes must rule: compassion, understanding, and a desire to guide people toward an accurate knowledge of God.
- In the early Middle Ages, Christians often condemned Muslims, Jews, and other Christians without those attitudes. The application asks students to examine groups they don't understand or feel compassion for and to work at loving them.

- Activities include a 'Who Am I?' riddle game (sample answer: Empress Irene, who seized the Eastern throne and convened the Second Council of Nicaea) and a personal list of people to understand and pray for.

Scripture referenced

- **Acts 18:24-27** -- Priscilla and Aquila gently correcting Apollos — a model for kind correction
- **1 Peter 3:15** -- Be ready to give a reason for your hope, with gentleness and respect