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Christian History Made Easy (Rose Bible Basics)

37. Chapter Six — Discussion and Review Session

This is a teacher's guide for leading a class review of Chapter Six, not new teaching content. It lays out the timing, supplies, and activities for a group session on medieval Christian movements. The recurring theme: even when the established church faltered, God kept working through monks, mystics, mendicants, and scholars.

Key takeaways

- The session uses three colored robes to review the monastic orders: white = Cistercian (undyed, to avoid looking wealthy), brown with a rope belt = Franciscan (Francis's own first garb), black over white = Dominican (e.g. Thomas Aquinas).
- Four types of Christian each teach something for today: missionary monks—reach the unreached; mystics—seek deeper relationship with God; mendicants—turn focus off possessions; scholastics—think deeply about the faith.
- The central lesson: don't ask whether God is working, ask HOW He is working and how you can join Him.
- Closure pushes students to name concrete ways they can join God's work where they already are.

Passages worth keeping

“Never ask, 'God, are you working here?' God is always working! Ask, 'God, how are you working here? Please prepare me to join you in your work.'”

The session's driving takeaway.

Scripture referenced

- **John 5:17** -- Cited as proof that God is always at work.