COLLIDE CHURCH

Overview of Church History
1st-10th Century
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Pre-Video

1. Why does being familiar with church history matter for Christians today?
2. Why do you think the Church continues to grow despite rampant persecution?

Post Video

3. What are some big events that happened in the 1st Century AD? (Book of Acts)
4. How should Christians respond when a church tradition (no matter how old) seems to conflict with what scripture teaches?
5. What are major differences in what modern day Protestants deem as authoritative and modern day Catholics deem as authoritative?
6. The 3rd Century was filled with much persecution toward the Christian Church. What brought on this persecution from the Roman Empire?
7. Before Christianity was decriminalized under Constantine, what were some of the major differences in the beliefs Christians held versus the Pagan beliefs of the time?
8. In the early 300's Constantine decriminalized Christianity. On the surface this seemed positive, but what were some of the pitfalls associated with this snapshot in time?
9. What parallels do you see in this snapshot in time compared to today and the culture we live in?
10. In the 5th Century we heard about a couple of Councils that discussed the Hypostatic Union. Using context clues, what is the Hypostatic Union? Why would this be a very important thing to work out in the Christian faith and beliefs?
11. Concerning Cannonicity, the Protestant Bible contains 66 books. Why do we as Protestants believe in these 66 books as scripture?
12. The 6-10th centuries were relatively calm for the overall Church, however, corruption was growing in the Papacy. What caused the ultimate split in the Eastern & Western Church?

Application

13. What is the TRUE CHURCH?

Next Week: Week 1 The Apostle's Creed

GOD SAID **I HEARD** **I WILL**