IONA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

October Study Guide

Subject: Church History: Imperial Christianity
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Reading Assignment: Gonzalez, Vol. 1: 129-261

The Story of Christianity, Vol. 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation, 2nd ed. By Justo L. Gonzalez. HarperOne, 2010.

1. What impact did the Battle of the Milvian Bridge have upon the history of the Church?

2. What were the positive and negative effects of imperial favor upon the Church?

3. What is the significance of the city of Constantinople?

4. What are the origins of monasticism?

5. What was Arianism and why it was rejected by the Council of Nicaea?

6. What else does the Nicene Creed have to say about the relationship between God and Humanity?

7. Why is the Nicene Creed important today?

8. Who were the Cappadocian Fathers?

9. What was Jerome's major contribution to the Western Church? In what ways did this contribution affect the historical development of the Latin Rite Church?

10. What theological issues did Augustine explore?

11. What were the controversies debated at the Council of Chalcedon? What was the resulting Christological formula?