



Engaging the Community Training – Resource Handout

Biblical Foundations

Acts 2:5–11; Acts 8:26–39; Acts 13:1; Mark 15:21

Historically Secure Highlights

- 2nd–3rd Century: North African theologians (Tertullian, Cyprian)
- 4th Century: Athanasius (Alexandria); Augustine (North Africa)
- 4th Century: Christianity adopted in Aksum (Ethiopia)
- 6th Century: Christian Nubian Kingdoms (Makuria, Nobatia, Alodia)
- 1491: Kingdom of Kongo embraces Christianity before the height of the Atlantic slave trade

Recommended Resources

- Justo L. González – The Story of Christianity, Vol. 1
- Philip Schaff – History of the Christian Church
- Adrian Hastings – The Church in Africa 1450–1950
- Christian History Magazine – Issue 105 (Christianity in Early Africa)

Reflection Questions

1. How does understanding early African Christianity shape our view of mission?
2. What cultural assumptions might we unintentionally attach to Christianity?
3. How can we reflect the global nature of the gospel in our local ministry?

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