

Introduce the Wider Canon Responsibly

A ministry framework for answering questions, preparing teaching, and introducing Ethiopian Canon texts with clarity and care.

Your Four-Step Starting Path

01

Establish the overview

Review the full canon, its historical transmission, and the distinctions among Ethiopian, Catholic, and Protestant collections.

02

Select one teaching theme

Begin with a familiar biblical theme and show how an Ethiopian Canon text expands the historical or theological context.

03

Separate fact from interpretation

Identify primary-text observations, historical claims, denominational positions, and your own application.

04

Prepare layered discussion

Offer a concise introduction for newcomers and deeper references for experienced readers.

Discussion and Reflection

- 1. What will be new or unfamiliar to the congregation?
- 2. Which terms require definition?
- 3. Where do traditions agree and differ?
- 4. What sources should listeners examine for themselves?

Suggested First-Month Plan

- Session 1: What a biblical canon is
- Session 2: Ethiopia's manuscript tradition
- Session 3: Enoch, Jubilees, and Meqabyan
- Session 4: Guided questions and further study

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