



Thinking biblically about ministry partnerships in Africa

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The challenge before us

- We need partnerships because we have very limited resources.
- We need partnerships because together we can go so much further.
- **Are there any other reasons why we would need partnerships?**
- Yet, there are many obstacles to overcome for us to work together.
- To surmount these obstacles, we need biblical foundations



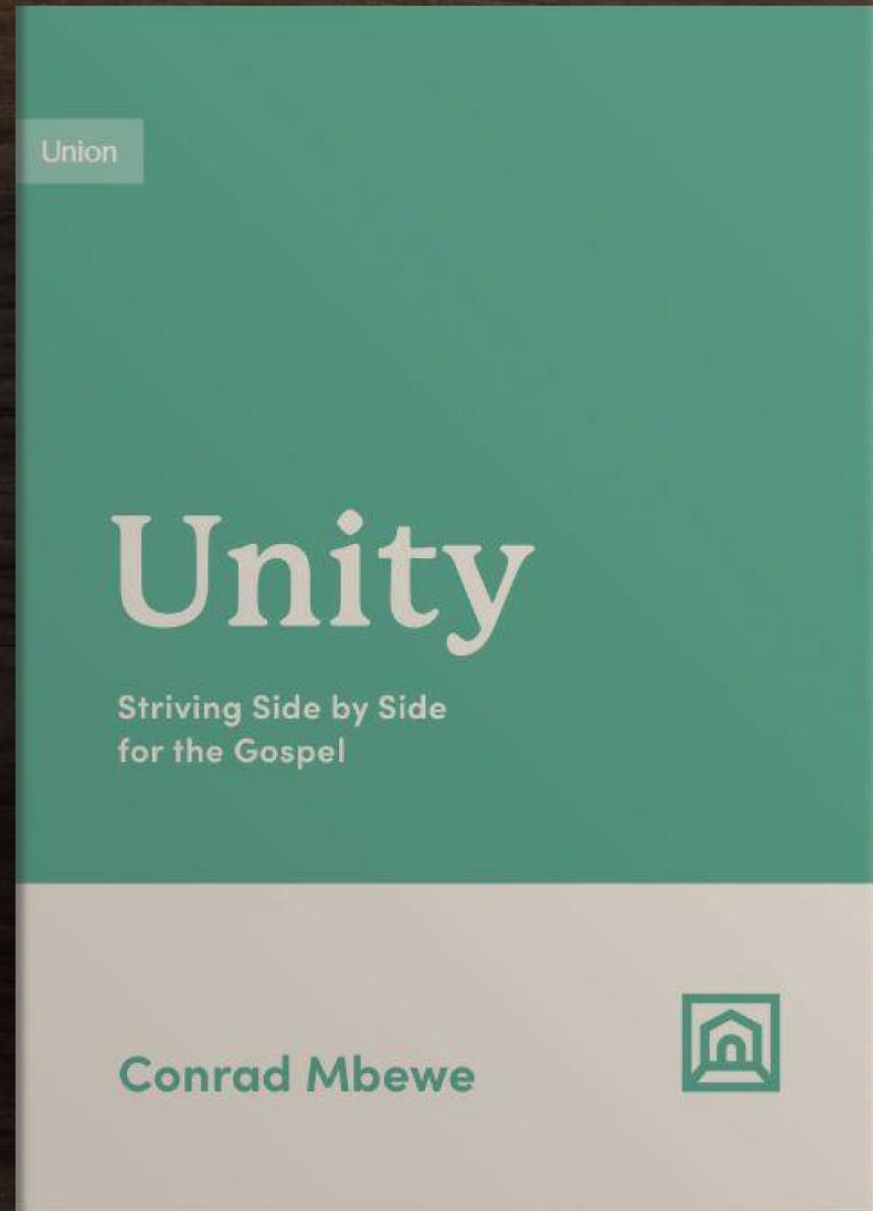
Biblical foundations for such partnerships

- The church is ultimately one body in Christ. 1 Cor. 12:12–13
- God makes us inter-dependent. 1 Cor. 14–20
- Christian love demands we help those who are weaker. 1 Cor. 12:21–26
- **Do you have any other biblical arguments?**
- Yet, we must balance this with sound doctrine because it is important. Jude 1:3



Navigating the doctrinal landscape

- There is need to understand and practice the doctrinal triage: Are these...
 - Gospel issues or heresies
 - Denominational beliefs
 - Personal convictions
- Consider using the lecturer in the field of his specialty
- Where would you draw the line?





Areas of application of partnership

- Sharing faculty and libraries.
- Working together on curriculum development.
- Student exchange programmes.
- Working together on faculty development workshops.
- Handling some research projects together.
- Quality assurance to ensure high standards for accreditation.
- **Can you think of any other areas?**

The Case of CCUA

- Christian universities in Zambia have formed the Christian Colleges and Universities Association.
- Doctrine is important and so we drew a statement of faith.
- We have added advocacy to partnership activities.
- We have also added student interactions.
- **What example do you have?**

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Resource mobilization

FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN ZAMBIA



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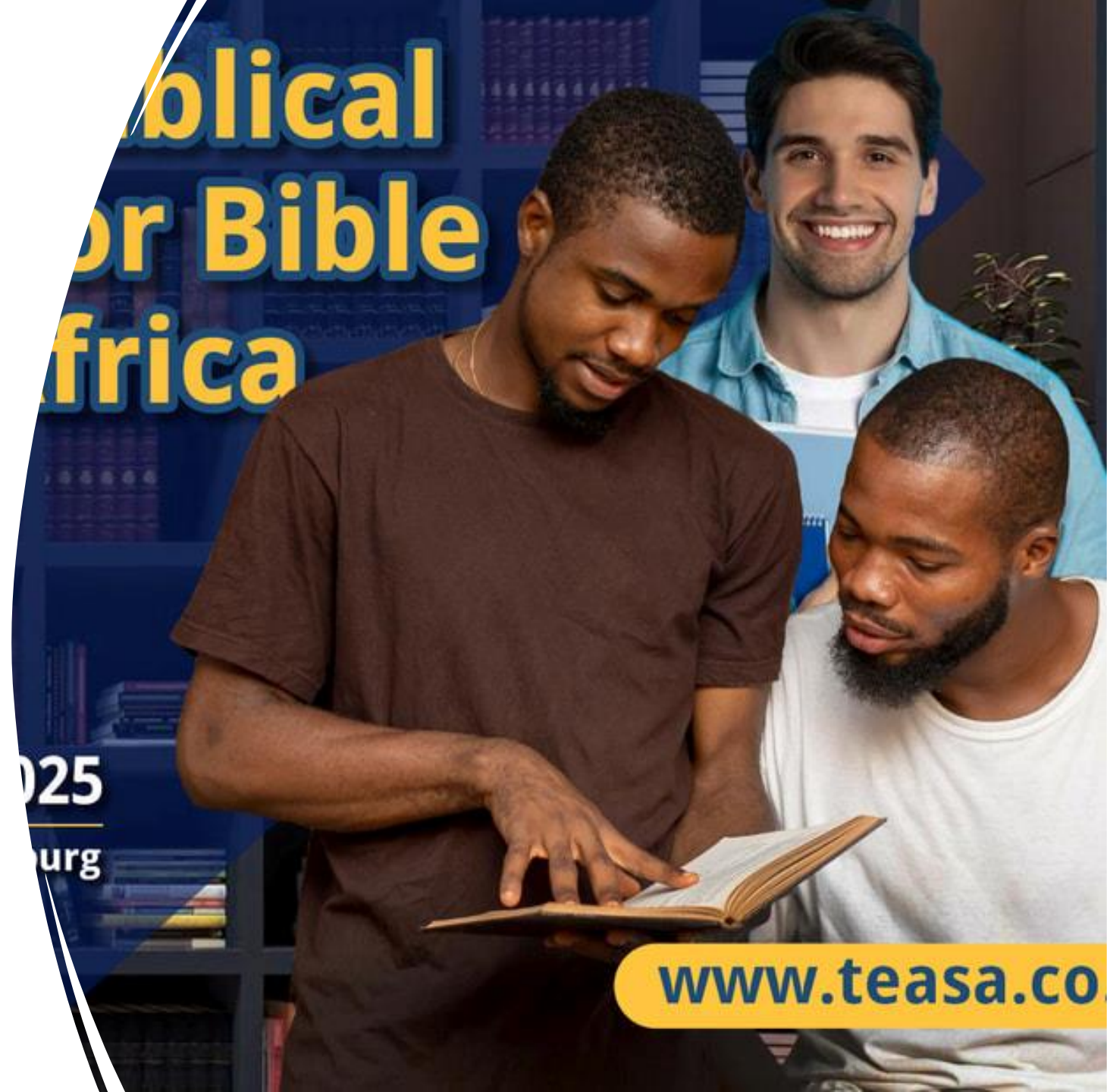
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Conclusion

- When we seek biblical partnerships:
 - We are obeying our Lord.
 - We are loving one another.
 - We are testifying to the (academic) world that we are Christians.
- We are seeking to do so through the TEASA forum.



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