

May Reading Guide

Developing Spiritual Habits I Acts

This month we are going to read through Acts, paying attention to the mission of God through his people. *What is it? How does it happen? What does it look like in our context?*

In terms of practice, our aim is to cultivate the habit of “missional life.” Part of our identity in Christ is that we are **a sent people** (John 17:18). We are **witnesses** by the power of the Spirit. (Acts 1:8). We are **ambassadors** for Christ, having received a ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

These are big concepts, but we want to learn how to see ourselves as missionaries in our everyday life. It doesn't necessarily mean doing more things, but rather, doing what you already do with more intentionality.

A helpful way to think about missional life is “moving toward others as God has moved toward us.” As you live out your faith in everyday life, God gives you opportunities to move toward people with compassion, grace, truth, service, etc. Those moments and relationships become opportunities to invite others into your life. That is the basic rhythm: living out and inviting in. We will focus on simple habits that help us become more attentive missionaries.

The plan is broken down into 5 sections. Each week has three main components:

1. A video or article from *The Bible Project* that will help you grasp the main themes.
2. A section to read in Acts (about a chapter a day). Use the [Daily Reading Template](#).
3. An assignment that will help you practice missional life.

May 1-3: Acts 1

MAY 1: **Watch** [this overview](#) of Acts 1-12 (~8 min.)

MAY 2: **Read** [this overview](#) of Acts 1, and **Read** Acts 1

MAY 3: Complete the [Missional Life Worksheet](#)

May 4-10: Acts 2-7

Practicing Missional Life:

- **Pray** daily for someone (or multiple people) that you wrote down on your Missional Life Worksheet.
- Ask someone a spiritual question and practice listening to their story (see [Missional Life Ideas](#) for sample questions)

MAY 4: **Read** [this overview](#) and/or watch [this video](#) on Acts 1-7

MAY 5: **Read** Acts 2 (use the [Daily Reading Template](#))

MAY 6: **Read** Acts 3

MAY 7: **Read** Acts 4

MAY 8: **Read** Acts 5

MAY 9: **Read** Acts 6

MAY 10: **Read** Acts 7

May 11-17: Acts 8-12

Practicing Missional Life:

- Keep praying for people.
- Take a “next step” with someone this week. Invite them into a “middle space” (see [Missional Life Ideas](#))

MAY 11: **Read** [this overview](#) and/or watch [this video](#) on Acts 8-12

MAY 12: **Read** Acts 8

MAY 13: **Read** Acts 9

MAY 14: **Read** Acts 10

MAY 15: **Read** Acts 11

MAY 16: **Read** Acts 12

MAY 17: In preparation for the second half of the book, **Watch** [this overview](#) of Acts 13-28 (~8 min.)

May 18-24: Acts 13-20

Practicing Missional Life:

- Keep praying for people.
- Take another next step this week: Invite them into an intentional spiritual conversation. (see [Missional Life Ideas](#) for ways to do that)

MAY 18: **Read** [this overview](#) and/or watch [this video](#) on Acts 13-20

MAY 19: **Read** Acts 14:1-15:19

MAY 20: **Read** Acts 15:20-16:40

MAY 21: **Read** Acts 17

MAY 22: **Read** Acts 18

MAY 23: **Read** Acts 19

MAY 24: **Read** Acts 20

May 25-31: Acts 21-28

Practicing Missional Life: Reflect on your efforts to live missionally this month. *What have you seen God do in people's lives? What have you seen God do in your own heart? What's next for these relationships?*

MAY 25: **Read** [this overview](#) and/or watch [this video](#) on Acts 21-28

MAY 26: **Read** Acts 21-22

MAY 27: **Read** Acts 23

MAY 28: **Read** Acts 24-25

MAY 29: **Read** Acts 26

MAY 30: **Read** Acts 27

MAY 31: **Read** Acts 28