**READING PLAN** 

**Summary** – The book of Acts was written as a sequel to Luke's gospel (Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1). Luke was one of Paul's travel companions – notice the 'we' sections of Acts 16:10, 21:17, and also Col. 4:14. In Acts, Luke details how Jesus' final words to the disciples in Acts 1:8 were fulfilled.

The Apostles (which literally means 'the sent ones') began as His witnesses in Jerusalem, they received power from the Holy Spirit and went out into Judea and Samaria. Luke ends the book with Paul preaching from prison in Rome (the end of the earth). Throughout the book, Jesus equips His people with His Spirit, sends them out into the world, and despite setbacks, arrests, riots, persecution and killings, the gospel moves forward – Unstoppable.

## **Reading Plan** For the week of:

- 5/14 Read Acts 1 Jesus' final words and ascension
- 5/21 Read Acts 2 The power of the Holy Spirit: at Pentecost, in teaching, and in community
- 5/28 Read Acts 3 God's power and saving plan made evident through the Apostles
- 6/4 Read Acts 4 Persecution, new priorities, and the believers pray for boldness
- 6/11 Read Acts 5 Ananias and Sapphira and the Apostles arrested again
- 6/18 Read Acts 6 Caring for the widows and Stephen chosen to serve
- 6/25 Read Acts 7-8 Death of Stephen, persecution spreads the Church, and more stories of the Church moving outward
  - 7/2 Read Acts 9 Saul's (Paul's) conversion and calling to preach to the Gentiles
  - 7/9 Read Acts 10-12 The Holy Spirit moving among the Gentiles and in Peter
- 7/16 Read Acts 13-14 Paul's first missionary journey among the Gentiles (Paul and Barnabas)
- 7/23 Read Acts 15 The Council in the Jerusalem Church about the Gentile believers
- 7/30 Read Acts 16-18 Paul's second missionary journey to the Gentiles (Paul and Silas)
- 8/6 Read Acts 19 The riot in Ephesus
- 8/13 Read Acts 20 Paul returns to Jerusalem, arrested, but keeps preaching
- 8/20 Read Acts 21-24 Paul goes to Jerusalem, arrested, gives his defense for the gospel
- 8/27 Read Acts 25-28 Paul appeals to Caesar, is sent to Rome, and there he awaits trial

