

# WINTER RETREAT 2023

## "KINGDOM LIVING" CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Feb. 21	22	23	24	25
		<b>ACTS 1</b> Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you today	<b>ACTS 2</b> Share the story of the Gospel from Acts with 1 person	<b>ACTS 3</b> Talk to God about where you need healing today	<b>ACTS 4</b> Pray for other believers in the Kingdom around the world who are persecuted	<b>ACTS 5</b> Plan to spend 1 hour with a family member doing what they want.
26	27	28	March 1	2	3	4
<b>ACTS 6</b> Turn your phone off and fast from social media.	<b>ACTS 7</b> Pray for other Christians in your school	<b>ACTS 8</b> Pray for an opportunity to share the Gospel today like Phillip did	<b>ACTS 9</b> Pray for one person who you think is like Saul and could never come into God's Kingdom	<b>ACTS 10</b> Fast from one thing today	<b>ACTS 11</b> Send an encouraging text or DM to a friend	<b>ACTS 12</b> Plan to spend 1 hour with a family member doing what they want.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>ACTS 13</b> Turn your phone off and fast from social media.	<b>ACTS 14</b> Thank God for a talent you have and use it for His glory today	<b>ACTS 15</b> Google church councils to learn about their history	<b>ACTS 16</b> Ask God who is one Christian younger than you that you could mentor	<b>ACTS 17</b> Spend extra time today studying the passage more in depth at <a href="http://www.biblestudytools.org">www.biblestudytools.org</a>	<b>ACTS 18</b> Spend 10 minutes worshipping God through music	<b>ACTS 19</b> Plan to spend 1 hour with a family member doing what they want.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>ACTS 20</b> Turn your phone off and fast from social media.	<b>ACTS 21</b> Find a simple way to serve a family member	<b>ACTS 22</b> Share what you have been learning through the book of Acts with a friend	<b>ACTS 23</b> Consider what kingdom you are pursuing today?	<b>ACTS 24</b> Pray for boldness to honor God in all of your life	<b>ACTS 25</b> Pray and ask God how He is leading you to live in His Kingdom	<b>ACTS 26</b> Plan to spend 1 hour with a family member doing what they want.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>ACTS 27</b> Turn your phone off and fast from social media.	<b>ACTS 28</b> Write down how God has been making you more like Jesus since Winter Retreat					

**Every day when you read the scheduled verses, write down your thoughts and answers to the following questions as a way to help you meditate and marinate on the Scripture:**

- What are the major events and/or key points of the verses?
- What do you learn about God? What did you learn about man?
- What do you learn about how to live in God's Kingdom?

### **An Introduction to the Book of Acts (adapted from the ESV Bible, 2016)**

The book of Acts picks up where Luke's Gospel leaves off, recording the early progress of the gospel as Jesus' disciples took it from Jerusalem throughout Judea, Samaria, and the rest of the Mediterranean world. The story begins with Christ's ascension and the events of Pentecost (Acts 2). Acts gives a historical account of the church's beginnings and foundations. As Gentiles begin responding to the gospel, the focus shifts to Paul and his missionary journeys. Acts forms a bridge between the four Gospels and the rest of the New Testament, showing how the apostles carried on Christ's work and providing a historical background for Romans through Revelation. Acts (also known as The Acts of the Apostles) is the second of two New Testament books written by Luke. Like his Gospel, Acts was a letter to Luke's friend Theophilus, written sometime in A.D. 62-64.

### **The Main Purposes of the book of Acts (adapted from the NIV Study Bible, 2002)**

- To present an accurate historical account of Christianity's origin.
- To show how the early Christians and the early church lived in a non-Christian world.
- To provide a guide and principles for the church.
- To depict the triumph of Christianity in the face of persecution.