**A Survey of the New Testament**

**Overview**

 This is a survey of the New Testament. As such, the design is not to go super deep in the texts. You can if you want, but this ministry year will be focused on getting a broader perspective of the New Testament while we build consistency in God’s Word. We will use three theme words for the year: Refresh, Reflect, and Respond. Get a refreshing look at this text. Reflect on what the Holy Spirit is showing you. Respond to God’s call to apply it to your life. Make the effort to read one chapter every single day. This can be as simple as listening to it on the Bible App while you drive across town. It can be as in depth as doing word studies in the original Greek. Make this your own but be consistent. Look for observations, principles, and applications while you read. Bring some notes/questions to your group time each week.

**Bible Study Tips**

1. Be consistent. We are doing ONE chapter per day to see the big picture of God.
2. Start your time with prayer: ask God to show you what He wants you to see
3. Use all your resources to learn about this text, so you may better understand it: [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com) is great. Look for text in New American Standard Bible (NASB) edition. Then under tools select “Strong’s Numbers.” You can then select the hyper-linked words for the definitions and usage in the original languages. You can also find commentaries by smart people on this text.
4. Take notes and write down observations, principles, applications, and questions
5. Read it, analyze it, and apply it
6. Finish your time with prayer: ask God to help you apply what you read

**Week 1 for September 22
Reading Plan:**

Wednesday: Read Acts 1

 Thursday: Read Acts 2

Friday: Read Acts 3

 Saturday: Read Acts 4

Sunday: Read Acts 5

Monday: Read Acts 6

Tuesday: Read Acts 7

**Small Group Time (60 Minutes)**

**Welcome and Member Care (10 Minutes)**

**Discussion Questions (40 Minutes)**

1. What are some key observations from these chapters? Think of new information you discovered. Look at characters, places, actions, wording, etc.
2. What context clues did you find to understand the original audience and author’s intent?
3. What Christian principles did you see in these chapters?
4. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you in these chapters that you need to apply to your life? Think about changes to make, actions to continue, or even things to do more.
5. What new things do these chapters highlight about Jesus?
6. What questions/doubts do you have from these readings?
7. Anything else you want to share with your group?

**Close out in Prayer (10 Minutes)**