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Luke-Acts is a single continuous narrative in Scripture. Both are addressed to *Theophilus*, which means Friend of God. Together they are a narrative written to the Friend of God for the purpose of encouraging them in their work and life of faith.

What began with the birth of our Savior in Luke continues through the birth of the Church in Acts. What began in the servant leadership of Jesus, God intends to continue through dynamically developed discipleship in every Christ follower.

For the 2025 year, members and friends of South Shore UMC will read through the texts of Luke-Acts as our congregational Scripture study, and in so doing, enhance our development as dynamic disciples. We will walk alongside those who walked personally with Jesus, as well as those who continued in the walk of faith after his death, resurrection, and ascension. We will consider our own trials and triumphs in faith as we read accounts of our faith ancestors.

A single chapter has been assigned to each week of the calendar year, beginning January 1st.

Your invitation is to read the assigned chapter four times in the week.

Your opportunity is to respond to one reflection after each reading, keeping your thoughts in a journal, either paper or electronic:

Reflection 1 – What did I learn about God? What is God trying to teach me?

Reflection 2 – What did I learn about myself?

What changes do I think God would want me to make?

Reflection 3 – What did I learn about humanity?

What changes does God want me to make in relating to my neighbors?

Reflection 4 – How should I shape my discipleship practices in response to what I read?

Pastor Eugene Petersen describes discipleship as “a long obedience in the same direction.” Each Christ follower – each disciple – is on a long journey towards our salvation – towards our complete sanctification. The only way to reach that destination – what John Wesley called ‘Christian Perfection’ – is to follow Jesus. To follow Jesus closely. And to follow Jesus well.

One of the ways we do that is through the study of Scripture, which reveals Jesus to us, both as God’s Word and as God’s truth.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be on this journey of obedience with you. Thank you for reading and reflecting along with me and our faith community.

+ Pastor Sarah

Share questions and/or revelations from your study of Scripture with me via [sarah@southshoreumc.com](mailto:sarah@southshoreumc.com)!

Week of	1-Jan	Luke 1	Week of	17-Jun	Acts 1
	8-Jan	Luke 2		24-Jun	Acts 2
	15-Jan	Luke 3		1-Jul	Acts 3
	22-Jan	Luke 4		8-Jul	Acts 4
	29-Jan	Luke 5		15-Jul	Acts 5
	5-Feb	Luke 6		22-Jul	Acts 6
	12-Feb	Luke 7		29-Jul	Acts 7
	19-Feb	Luke 8		5-Aug	Acts 8
	26-Feb	Luke 9		12-Aug	Acts 9
	4-Mar	Luke 10		19-Aug	Acts 10
	11-Mar	Luke 11		26-Aug	Acts 11
	18-Mar	Luke 12		2-Sep	Acts 12
	25-Mar	Luke 13		9-Sep	Acts 13
	1-Apr	Luke 14		16-Sep	Acts 14
	8-Apr	Luke 15		23-Sep	Acts 15
	15-Apr	Luke 16		30-Sep	Acts 16
	22-Apr	Luke 17		7-Oct	Acts 17
	29-Apr	Luke 18		14-Oct	Acts 18
	6-May	Luke 19		21-Oct	Acts 19
	13-May	Luke 20		28-Oct	Acts 20
	20-May	Luke 21		4-Nov	Acts 21
	27-May	Luke 22		11-Nov	Acts 22
	3-Jun	Luke 23		18-Nov	Acts 23
	10-Jun	Luke 24		25-Nov	Acts 24
				2-Dec	Acts 25
				9-Dec	Acts 26
				16-Dec	Acts 27
				23-Dec	Acts 28

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