



## Ascension Press Bible Study Program coming this Fall to Saint Mary Parish:

### ***Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom***

by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

***Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom***, a 20 week scripture study program, shows how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out Jesus' work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

#### ***In this program you will:***

- See how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves, from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth.
- Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ, and learn how these apply to us today.
- See how the Holy Spirit guided the apostles into Truth.
- Observe the way the Spirit-filled Church adapted to new cultures when proclaiming the Gospel.
- Watch the seeds of Church structure and authority take root, and see how conflicts were resolved even at that early stage.
- See your place in Christ's Church, and how you should live day-to-day as a disciple of Christ.

**Program is open to men and women. *Paper and Online Registration coming soon.***

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