

HINTS FOR PRIVATE STUDY OF THE ACTS?

1. Who wrote "Acts"? When? Where?
2. What are the divisions of the book?
3. What is the design of the book? Is it the Acts of the Apostles? Study the key word, chap. i. 8.
4. Go over each chapter and name it. For instance: ii., Pentecost chapter; vii., Stephen's chapter; xiii., Missionary chapter. Make a list of the subjects in each chapter.
5. Study the plan and work of the Holy Spirit in the early church. Note the outcome of His work in the lives of Peter and Paul and other Evangelists.
6. Trace the movements of the Gospel to the Gentiles, and its progress from Jerusalem to Rome.
7. Study the power of the Gospel in its contact with different races, nationalities, classes and temperaments.
8. Investigate the difficulties that beset the Church in the "Acts."
9. Learn the geography of the "Acts." Keep a map before you. Study the cities.
10. Make a study of the great doctrines contained in the Book
11. Write out the biographies of the characters in "Acts."

Read the book through, not only in twenty-eight days according to plan on opposite page, but also read it through at one sitting, again and again.

It is suggested that the pastor give a concluding sermon, on the last Sunday in October, as well as the opening sermon on September 26th, on the Holy Spirit.

The busiest persons will be able to join in this as it only means one chapter a day for twenty-eight days.

Put down suggestions, questions, difficulties and experiences that may present themselves during the course of your reading.

Above all, ask the aid of the Holy Spirit day after day, as you read this book.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10.

A day of Prayer and Praise and Testimony.—The day to commence with a Sunrise Prayer Meeting and close with a live Evangelistic Service.

A Mass Meeting in the afternoon for everybody, at which there will be short addresses on Practical Themes interspersed with Gospel singing.

Each local League makes the arrangements for this day. Get every Committee on your Society doing something—inviting, decorating, writing, visiting, talking, speaking, praying.

For further instructions as to this day see Epworth League Manual, pages 95-99.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN, OCTOBER 11TH TO 18TH.

The idea is to follow the reading of the Book of Acts and the Young People's Sunday, by at least one week's Evangelistic Campaign, embracing every society and church in the district.

In this campaign the desire is to utilize the consecrated talent of our young people—those who will sing, or pray, or witness, or give short addresses, or exhortations.

Let each active member pledge himself or herself to speak to one person a day about their souls during the campaign.

Let it be borne in mind that this is a campaign for soul saving and spiritual upbuilding.

The campaign will be in charge of the pastors and

District Executive. The Executive will allocate its workers, arrange dates and group circuits.

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It is inspiring indeed to receive word from those in the foreign field. The opportunities of a Medical Missionary for doing good, are clearly shown in a letter from Rev. Dr. W. E. Smith, who writes from Chentu, China. The following is an extract: "I have assisted in consultation cases and in operations in the hospital. The buildings are nearly completed, the wards almost completely furnished, and already eight beds occupied. Several operations have been performed, and over forty patients have been treated in the dispensary. These, of course, all hear the gospel preached, as they wait for their medicine, and many carry away tracts. The nurses are natives. You can scarcely realize how much a cause for thankfulness there is in the successful treatment of a case, especially an operation. It means additional faith in us, in our work, and in our message, while an operation with fatal results means great discredit to the cause, perhaps present collapse or worse still, a riot. Of course the officials now are friendly, and aim at protecting us, so we are comparatively safe. Many of the Chinese too, who know us, are friendly, but there are some evilly disposed persons, who gladly take every opportunity to misrepresent our work, and embitter the minds of those who do not know us. And these poor people are so superstitious. They quite credit us with being "baby-eaters," and the preserved cherries which were discovered at the time of the riot, and reported as children's eyes, were quite within the probability in their minds. The superstition of their nature is so highly developed, they can believe anything."

On the Mobanghi slavery and cannibalism are still flourishing. In the immediate neighborhood of European stations slaves are no longer publicly killed for food, but in secret the inhuman practice is still frequently indulged.—*Illustrated Africa.*

"Miss Turner and I went this afternoon to a village a little distance up the river. We were received very kindly, and when, after Miss Turner had preached for some time, we arose to go, they urged us to stay longer, and gave us kind invitations to come again. We do thank God for the open doors He gives us here. There seems almost no limit to the work to be done. But we are so few and weak." *Miss Emma Randall in China's Millions.*

A man was found in Burma who possessed a copy of the Psalms, in Burmese, which had been left behind by a traveler stopping at his house. Before he had finished the first reading of the book he resolved to cast his idols away. For twenty years he worshipped the eternal God revealed to him in the Psalms, using the fifty-first, which he had committed to memory, as a daily prayer. Then a Missionary appeared and gave him a copy of the New Testament. The story of salvation through Jesus Christ brought great joy to his heart, and he said: "For twenty years I have walked by starlight; now I see the sun."—*Faithful Witness.*