



### **What is the Good Book Club?**

The Good Book Club is an invitation to all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. Episcopalians will start reading Luke on Sunday, February 11 and read a section of Luke's gospel every day through the season of Lent. Then the entire season of Easter will be devoted to daily readings from the Book of Acts. Already, individuals, congregations, and organizations are committed to being a part of the Good Book Club, and we hope you'll join the journey too!

### **Why read the Bible?**

People who read scripture with an open heart grow in faith through their encounter with the sacred stories of the Bible. We know this to be true in our personal experiences — and we have research to back it up. [RenewalWorks](#), a Forward Movement research-based initiative, has data from nearly half a million participants that identify scripture engagement as a key catalyst for spiritual vitality in congregations and for individuals. In other words, if you want to grow and strengthen your faith, reading scripture is the perfect exercise.

### **Why Luke and Acts?**

We love sequels, and Luke-Acts provides a wonderful two-part narrative. Luke tells the wondrous story of Jesus' birth, ministry, teaching, death, and resurrection. Acts picks up where Luke leaves off and tells the story of the earliest disciples through the lens of Peter and Paul and the real star of the show — the Holy Spirit. Written by the same author, the books are accessible, and the story is a page-turner!

### **How will it work?**

[Forward Movement](#) has created a set of [daily readings](#) to divide Luke and Acts into 50 days each. Each day, participants will read a few verses of Luke or Acts. These readings are available on the Good Book Club website. Readers of *Forward Day by Day* can easily follow along, with Luke and Acts guiding the reflections during Lent-Easter 2018.

### **Will there be other resources?**

Yes! In addition to Forward Day by Day, Forward Movement offers the [Bible Challenge](#) series, [A Journey with Luke](#) and *A Journey with Acts* (coming soon), with theological reflections written by faith leaders from around the world. Forward Movement also will provide a free, downloadable discussion guide for groups. Further, many partners are working with Forward Movement to create resources to support you on your journey in the Good Book Club. These resources will include videos, podcasts, blogs, and study group guides for all ages.

### **How much does it cost?**

The Good Book Club is free. You can download the reading list and read Luke and Acts for no charge. Several resources created for this project will be free, while others will have a cost. You'll pay only for the resources you wish to purchase.



### **Who is doing this work?**

The Good Book Club is an initiative of Forward Movement and supported by its RenewalWorks ministry. In addition, many partners from across the church are joining in the project. Partners include [The Episcopal Church](#), [The Center for Biblical Studies](#), [Episcopal Church Women](#), [Acts 8](#), [ChurchNext](#), [Episcopal Church Foundation](#), and many others. Visit the [partners](#) page to see the full list—and keep checking as we expect to add others.

### **What are the next steps?**

You can sign up to receive updates. Please tell as many people as possible about this invitation to a transforming encounter with scripture!

### **Can I become a partner?**

Yes, Forward Movement welcomes any and all partners, from church-wide organizations to dioceses and congregations. Contact Richelle Thompson at [rthompson@forwardmovement.org](mailto:rthompson@forwardmovement.org) to learn more. All you need is a desire to invite people into the Good Book Club, and you'll also be encouraged to create and share resources.

### **How else can I support this work?**

Most importantly, please pray for those committed to reading scripture and for success of the Good Book Club, that it transforms lives and, indeed, our whole church. If you would like to financially support Forward Movement or one of the other partners who are creating free resources, please consider making a generous donation. You can [donate](#) to Forward Movement online, and many of the partners have donation pages on their websites.