## SERMON Intro to Acts ACTS 1:1-11 T Neumann 1/17/2021

Old Testament has 39 books 5-12-5-5-12

5 books of law

12 books of history

5 books of wisdom

5 major prophets

12 minor Prophets

7 Major themes in ACTS:

1. We have a sovereign God. v7

2. We have a risen Savior. v3

3. We have the empowering Holy Spirit. v8a

4. We witness to our neighborhood. v8b

5. We see transformed lives, v11a

6. We go to the nations. v8c

7. We have an unstoppable gospel. v1,11b

## **Discussion and Application**

- 1. How do you see these 7 themes working out in the church today?
- 2. How does that encourage you when you think about a small church like RGC?
- 3. Which of the 7 themes affected you the most? Why?
- 4. Given these encouraging themes, what might hinder our witness?
- 5. Given these encouraging themes, how do they encourage our witness?
- 6. In what ways are we like the disciples "men (or women) of Galilee..."?

New Testament has 27 books **4-21-1-1**4 Gospels
21 letters – 'epistles'
1 book of Revelation

1 book of church history - ACTS

## for Parents:

1. Review the Old and New Testament from the bible's table of contents. OT 5-12-5-5-12, NT 4-21-1-1

An additional fun activity is memorizing them in small chucks!

- 2,. Come up with 5 ways you could 'witness' to a neighbor or firend. (take a lunch, make a small gift, invite for a meal, send a note etc)
- 3. Read the story of Lydia's conversion Acts 16:11-15.

Ask them what happened to Lydia? (Paul preached, God opened her heart, she believed, then she served).