

Acts 1:8 Exercise

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Describe briefly Jerusalem -- our current congregation. Who are "we"? What are "our" gifts? What do "we" value? For what do "we" hope?

Describe briefly the Judeans -- those in the community most like "us," but not relationally connected to us. Where are these Judeans in our community? What are their needs? How does our congregation respond to them? What do we hope to receive from them?

Describe briefly the Samaritans -- those who are not like those in "our" congregation. Who are "they"? How do we treat "them"? What would it take to make a connection with "them"?

Describe briefly the ends of the earth -- those who live far beyond our area, whose names we will never know and whose faces we will never see. Who are "they"? What is our responsibility to them as Christians?