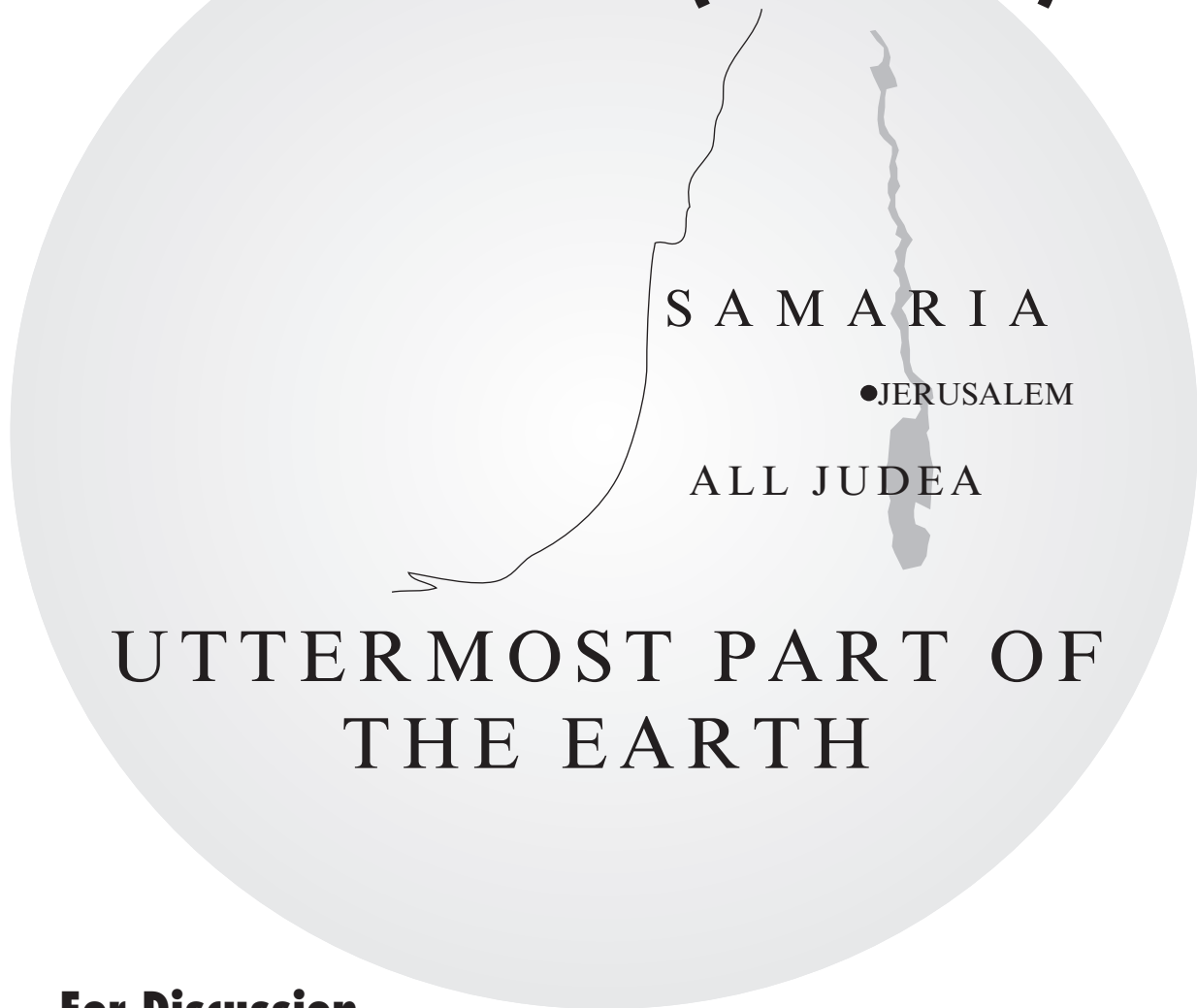


# Overview of the Book of Acts

- Author:** Luke, the beloved physician  
(Acts 1:1; Luke 1:1-4)
- Date:** A.D. 61
- Purpose:** To provide an accurate, historical record of the spread of the Christian faith in the first century
- Scope:** From the Jewish celebration of Pentecost to Paul's arrival in Rome (about 30 years)
- Key Verse:** Acts 1:8
- Outline:**
- A. The Spread of the Gospel among the Jews (Acts 1–7)
  - B. The Spread of the Gospel among the Samaritans (Acts 8–12)
  - C. The Spread of the Gospel among the Gentiles (Acts 13–28)

# MISSIONARY OUTREACH (ACTS 1:8)



## For Discussion

- 1. How does the diagram above provide a pattern for our church's evangelistic outreach?**
- 2. How could this pattern be used to devise a strategy of evangelism for our church?**
- 3. How closely did the early church follow this pattern established by our Lord?**



# Strategy for the Church

Comparison of Acts 2:42-47 with Some of Jesus' Teachings

The early Christians did not invent their own way of doing things. They were simply following instructions. Compare the verse(s) in Acts 2 with some of the Lord's teachings that instructed the course of action. Jot down the facts.

The Strategy in Action	The Strategy Laid Out	Our Church
<b>Acts 2:42</b> The priority of teaching	<b>Matthew 28:20; Luke 6:40</b>	
<b>Acts 2:42</b> The priority of prayer	<b>Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:9-13; 18:1</b>	
<b>Acts 2:43</b> Evidences of God's working	<b>Matthew 10:8; John 13:34-35; 15:5</b>	
<b>Acts 2:43, 46-47</b> Worship and wonder at God's working	<b>Luke 4:36-37; 8:25; John 7:31, 45-46</b>	
<b>Acts 2:44-45</b> Believers together, sharing things in common, meeting each other's needs	<b>Luke 12:15, 22-34</b>	
<b>Acts 2:42, 46</b> Partaking of the Lord's Supper, sharing meals together in homes	<b>Luke 10:7; 22:19-20; John 6:5-14</b>	
<b>Acts 2:47</b> Welcoming additions to the fellowship	<b>Luke 9:47-50; John 10:16; Matthew 28:19</b>	