

“What’s the Big Idea?”

Part 2 – Our Judea

OUR COMMISSION:

“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

A TEMPTATION – TO STAY UPWARD:

- Acts 1:9-11

A SECOND TEMPTATION – TO STAY INWARD:

- Acts 1:12-14

STEPHEN –

“...a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.”

Acts 6:8

A SMALL PROBLEM:

- Acts 6:9-10

THE PROBLEM GETS WORSE:

- Acts 6:11-14

A GOOD RESPONSE:

- Acts 6:15

A COMMISSION:

- As a result of *UPWARD & INWARD* – GO OUTWARD!

“A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem, and all the believers except the apostles fled into Judea and Samaria.”

Acts 8:1b (NLT)

**God, knowing our propensity for inaction in this,
brings a solution. = PERSECUTION!!**

So...“What’s the BIG IDEA!?”

- *NOT*...stay on the mountain and stare up into the air!
- *NOT*...stay in the upper room in a place of safety,
community, and risk-less-ness!
- *NOT*...maintain the ‘status quo’

BUT...allow your time on the mountain,

...in the upper room,

...and, in the practice of your regular spiritual
disciplines

...to **compel you into**...

YOUR Judea, Samaria, and out into the rest of the world!!.

Ministry to OUR JUDEA in 2008:

1. Building/Renovating Home Base – a place to invite and launch!!
2. Multi-Site Ministry – reproduction, reproduction,
reproduction!!
3. Strategic Partnership with other churches!!
4. Strategic calendar - so that we can spend more intentional time
‘out there’!!
5. Community Plunges for increased community service and care!