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Acts 1:8 is the theme for the entire book. Two themes in this verse contain the last recorded words of Jesus spoken on earth: power ministries and missiology.

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Taking the gospel to Samaria is considered E-3 evangelism: spreading the gospel in a radically different culture. Stephen's ministry and execution prepared the way for Philip's evangelistic mission in Samaria. Stephen was the *theoretician* for this initiative, while Philip was the *practitioner* who implemented the theory.