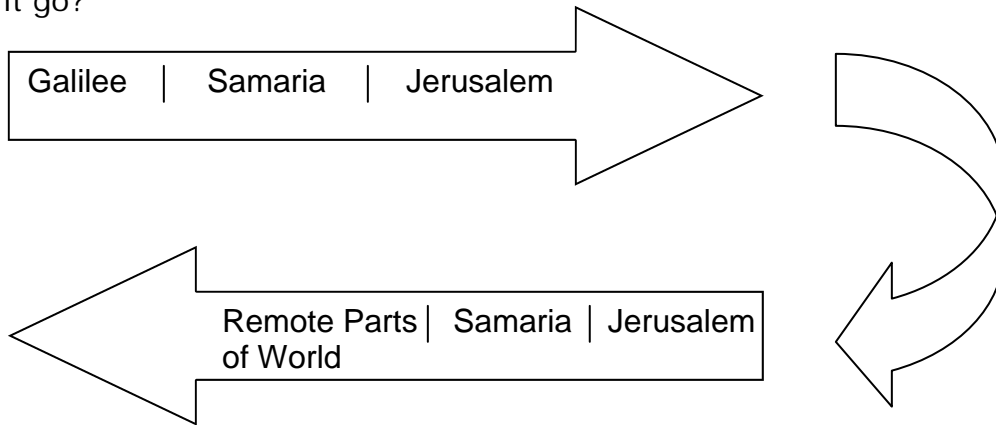


## //from monument to movement

Both Luke and Acts are written by the same guy: Dr. Luke. He's a genius in how he organizes the 2 books (Jesus' ministry in Luke is the prequel, the church movement in Acts is the sequel).

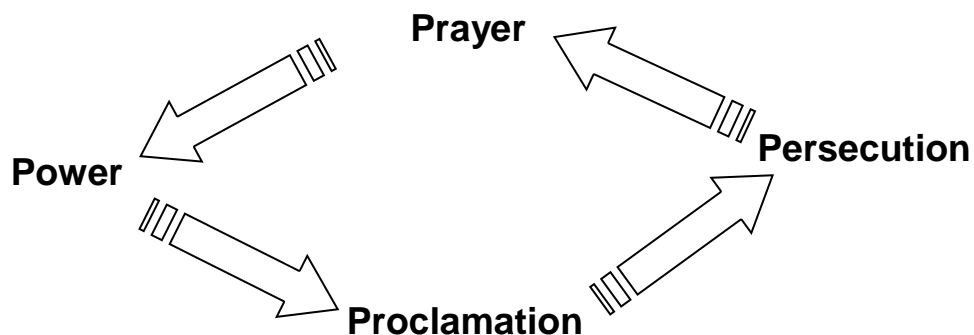
Read through Luke and see how he's organized the movement. Try breaking it up into 3 sections: Luke 1.5-9.50, 9.51-19.27, and 19.28-24.53. Now try it again with Acts: 1.6-7.60, 8.1-11.18, and 11.19-28.31. Trace the ministry of the Apostles and new believers. Where does the movement start and where does it go?



## //anatomy of a movement

It's obvious that Luke is communicating an intentional progression of thought. Looking closer reveals deeper themes from the ministry of Jesus in Luke and the ministry of the ancient church in Acts.

The anatomy of the Jesus movement that we see over and over again throughout the 2 books is this: When God's people gather to **pray** fervently, the **power** of God is unleashed. This always results in public **proclamation** of who Jesus is, and leads to the **persecution** of the believers. This in turn causes God's people to pray all the more, re-starting the movement cycle.



## //looking inward

Read the story of Pentecost in Acts 1-4.

Can you see where this cycle appears throughout the text?

Read Luke 1. Is the cycle present in anticipation of Jesus' birth?

What does this movement lead to at the end of Acts?

What does this mean in our lives right now?

What does each stage of the movement look like in north-east Ohio?

What areas of the movement can I faithfully engage in?

What might God do through us if we saw the church not as a monument,  
but as this kind of movement?

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