

Questions:

Large Group:

1) What did you think of the chapter? Was there anything in particular that stood out to you?

Small Groups:

2) N.T. Wright suggests that "the Old Testament operates on at least two different levels" - the story of God and Israel and "the story of the good creation and the dark power that from the start has tried to destroy God's good handiwork" (13 - 14). What are some ways you have approached or understood the Old Testament in the past?

3) How did you respond to the psalms that N.T. Wright included?

4) Does it bother you that God does not always reward the righteous and punish the wicked?

5) If you were to write your own Psalm of lament right now, what details would you include?

Large Group:

6) This chapter pushes back against the urge to find theological "solutions" to troubling events. Do you find this approach challenging or comforting (or both)?