Hello Scholars and Bible Explorers,

This is our final week in the Old Testament and we are covering the Writings. You will find the link to the video <u>HERE</u> or here: <u>https://bit.ly/3TOK0AA</u>

Optional readings or discussion questions:

- 1. Read Psalm 137: take note of the introduction and who is speaking...from where? Read the whole thing. Who is this psalm written for—it is not in praise of God, so why is it here? What, if anything, is disturbing to you? Try to brainstorm what emotions this psalm is helping the singer process.
- 2. Read Psalm 150 as the doxology. Read out loud. If in a group, take turns reading each ½ of the verse. As hear this psalm spoke out loud, does it impact how you react to the psalm?
- 3. Which of the books discussed in the video are you familiar with and which are you less familiar with?
- 4. Have there been instances in your life when these particular texts have helped navigate through the time?
- 5. How would you explain the narrative of the OT in 3 min or less?

Additional Resources:

- 1. The Bible Project has a great introduction to wisdom text. You can watch it <u>HERE</u>
- 2. Listen to a podcast with Dr. Elaine Phillips about the wisdom in the book of Proverbs <u>HERE</u> and all about human emotions in the wisdom texts <u>HERE</u>
- 3. Listen to the great and amazing Dr. Ellen Davis talk about the complexity of human emotions in the wisdom texts <u>HERE</u>.