

LOVING JESUS AND HIS WORD

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

GETTING STARTED

• What is your favorite passage or story in the Old Testament? Share it with the group. Why is that passage particularly important to you?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.

- Have someone read the passage in its entirety aloud. As a group, summarize
 the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting
 insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you?
 What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Why do you think we're afraid of the Old Testament? Ok, maybe we're not afraid of it, but list some typical stereotypes we have when approaching its content. How might we overcome some of these fears?
- What does "God-Breathed" mean? (Some translations might have the word "Inspired)
- How come followers of Jesus should expect persecution in this world? How might the Old Testament encourage believers and equip them to endure?
 - \circ What are some ways Paul has done this in the text so far?

WRAPPING UP

• Can you think about ways the Old Testament teaches us to love Jesus?