

## REFLECT

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- Why do you think there are so many books of the Bible?
- Instead of using many different writers, and being written over a period of thousands of years, why didn't God just have one person write the entire Bible?
- What is the difference between the Old and New Testament? How are they similar?

*He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.*

*—Luke 24:44-45*

The books of the Bible were collected and determined as authoritative by councils, rabbis, scholars, and church leaders based on certain standards and guidelines.

- Based on your reading and today's discussion, how has your understanding of God's Word deepened?
- In ways does knowing how the official books of the Bible were decided help strengthen your faith in the reliability of the Bible as God's Word?
- How might what you learned through the reading, DVD segment, and today's discussion help your daily walk with God?

## READ

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Take time to read Genesis 1 and contemplate the God of creation. Consider ways this week you can praise God for the world he created.