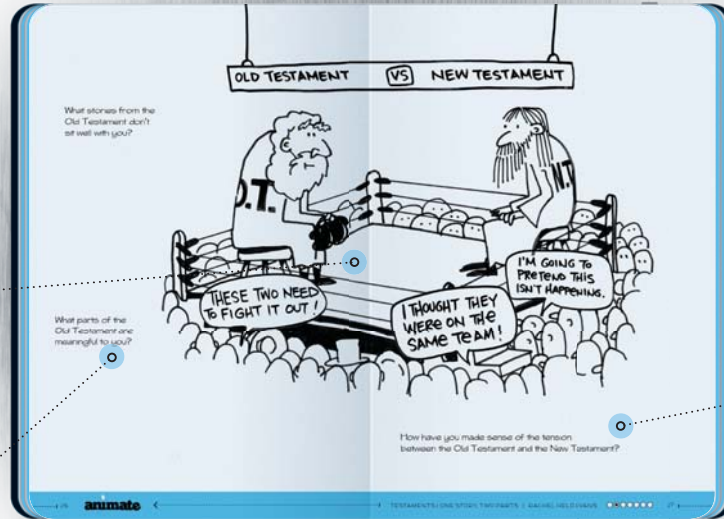




SPEND A FEW MINUTES TALKING ABOUT THE GROUP'S EXPERIENCES WITH THE OLD TESTAMENT. DO PEOPLE IN YOUR GROUP SPEND MUCH TIME IN THE OLD TESTAMENT? WHAT DRAWS THEM TO IT? WHAT KEEPS THEM FROM READING IT?

WHERE WOULD YOU FIND yourself in this crowd? Are you in the "fight it out" camp, the "this isn't happening" camp, or the "they're on the same team" camp?

Ask three people to share their responses to this question.



What stories from the Old Testament don't sit well with you?

What parts of the Old Testament are meaningful to you?

How have you made sense of the tension between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

As participants think about this question, offer a bit of your own story of making peace—or not!—with the tensions between the testaments.