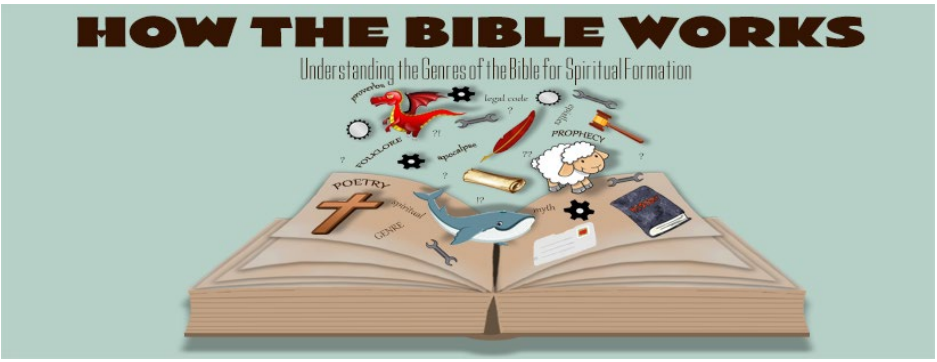

Discussion Guide for "How to Read the Prophets"

How the Bible Works Week 3

One of the most challenging genres in the Bible is Apocalypse - in large part because it's a genre we don't really use anymore. But surprisingly, political cartoons can help us understand this bizarre biblical genre. We explore Revelation 14 as an example of some very good news.

Scriptures for Further Reading

Revelation 14:14-20
2 Timothy 3:15-17

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a step-by-step guide here. The passage for this week's sacred reading is Revelation 14:14-20.

Questions for Discussion

1. How much experience do you have with apocalyptic literature? Why?
2. How is apocalyptic literature like a political cartoon? Does this comparison of genres help apocalypse feel more approachable?
3. What resources can you use to help understand the imagery in the Revelation?
4. Consider Revelation 14:14-20 again. What symbols does the passage use? What do they mean?
5. What is the overarching message of the picture in this passage? How does this help you know God better?