

HOW TO USE **GOD'S BIG PICTURE**

9 UNITS

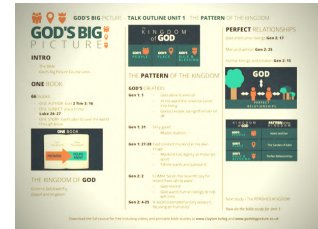
VIDEO



10 minute video with Vaughan Roberts each covering a stage in the Bible's story



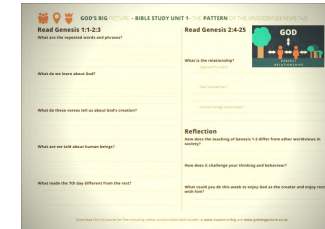
TALK OUTLINE



For scribbling extra notes as you watch Vaughan

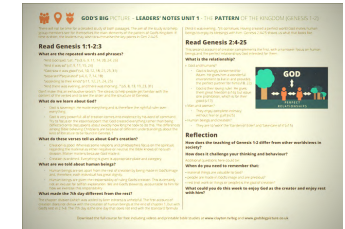
3 PRINTABLES

BIBLE STUDY



Hour long study on a Bible passage related to Vaughan's video

LEADERS' NOTES



Answers and helpful comments about the Bible study questions

(Each printable is 1 sheet of A4 and will print happily as colour or black and white)

WHAT IS THE GOD'S BIG PICTURE COURSE?

It's a totally free Bible overview course tracing the story of the whole Bible, taught by Vaughan Roberts. Each of the nine units takes 1- 1 1/2 hours to do.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone who wants to see more deeply how the whole Bible fits together and understand each passage better in the light of the whole book.

HOW COULD I USE IT?

- In a mid-week group at church, such as a home group
- As an individual watching online
- In a one to one Bible study with a new Christian or someone investigating Christianity
- As an intensive training course on a weekend away

HOW TO DOWNLOAD (for the non techy)

- You can watch all the videos online at www.clayton.tv/big but if you want to play them offline (e.g. in a group setting) download by clicking on the red link under the video. It could take 30 minutes to download them all (at average download speed, 10Mbps).
- Right click to extract the zipped files (or double click on a Mac). There are 10 video files (9 units and an intro).
- Simply double click to play the video files (using the video player on your computer - or install a player e.g. VLC player from www.videolan.org).
- If you want to watch in a group - connect your computer to a TV or projector using an HDMI cable.
- All the printables download as PDF files in the same way.



GOD'S BIG PICTURE – TALK OUTLINE UNIT 1 - THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM

GOD'S BIG PICTURE

INTRO

- The Bible
- God's Big Picture Course aims

ONE BOOK

66 books...

- ONE AUTHOR: God **2 Tim 3: 16**
- ONE SUBJECT: Jesus Christ **Luke 24: 27**
- ONE STORY: God's plan to save the world through Jesus



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Graeme Goldsworthy
Gospel and Kingdom



THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM

GOD'S CREATION

- Gen 1: 1**
- God alone is eternal
 - At His word the universe came into being
 - God is creator, so rightful ruler of all
- Gen 1: 31** 'Very good'
- Matter matters
- Gen 1: 27-28** 'God created mankind in His own image'
- Mankind has dignity as those set apart
 - 'Fill the earth and subdue it'
- Gen 2: 2** CLIMAX 'So on the seventh day he rested from all his work'
- God 'rested'
 - God wants human beings to rest with him
- Gen 2: 4-25** 'A second complementary account, focusing on humanity'

PERFECT RELATIONSHIPS

God and human beings **Gen 2: 17**

Man and woman **Gen 2: 25**

Human beings and creation **Gen 2: 15**



KINGDOM of GOD	PATTERN of the KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	Adam and Eve
GOD'S PLACE	The Garden of Eden
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Perfect Relationships

Next study - The PERISHED KINGDOM

Now do the bible study for Unit 1



Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

What are the repeated words and phrases?

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What do we learn about God?

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What do these verses tell us about God's creation?

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What are we told about human beings?

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What made the 7th day different from the rest?

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Read Genesis 2:4-25



What is the relationship?

- God and humans?

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- Man and woman?

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- Human beings and creation?

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Reflection

How does the teaching of Genesis 1-2 differ from other worldviews in society?

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How does it challenge your thinking and behaviour?

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What could you do this week to enjoy God as the creator and enjoy rest with him?

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GOD'S BIG PICTURE – LEADERS' NOTES UNIT 1 - THE PATTERN OF THE KINGDOM (GENESIS 1-2)

There will not be time for a detailed study of both passages. The aim of the study is to help group members see for themselves the main elements of the pattern of God's Kingdom. If time is short, the leaders may wish to summarise the key points in Gen 2:4-25.

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

What are the repeated words and phrases?

"And God said, 'Let...'" (v3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26)

"And it was so" (v7, 9, 11, 15, 24)

"God saw it was good" (v4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31)

"separate"/"separated" (v4, 6, 7, 14, 18)

"according to their kinds" (v11, 12, 21, 24, 25)

"And there was evening, and there was morning..." (v5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31)

Don't make this an exhaustive search. The idea is to help people get familiar with the content of the verses and to see the order and the structure of Genesis.

What do we learn about God?

- God is sovereign. He made everything and is therefore the rightful ruler over everything.
- God is very powerful: all of creation comes into existence by his word of command. Try to focus on the essential point that God created everything rather than being deflected onto discussions about exactly how long he took to do this. The differences among Bible believing Christians are because of different understandings about the kind of literature to be found in Genesis 1.

What do these verses tell us about God's creation?

- Creation is good. Whereas some religions and philosophies focus on the spiritual, regarding the material as either negative or neutral, the Bible knows of no such division. Matter matters because God made it.
- Creation is ordered. Everything is given its appropriate place and category.

What are we told about human beings?

- Human beings are set apart from the rest of creation by being made in God's image and, therefore, each individual has great dignity.
- Human beings are given the responsibility of ruling God's creation. This is certainly not an excuse for selfish exploitation. We are God's stewards, accountable to him for how we exercise this responsibility.

What made the 7th day different from the rest?

The chapter division (which was added by later editors) is unhelpful. The first account of creation does not climax with the creation of human beings at the end of chapter 1, but with God's rest in 2:1-3. The 7th day is the one day that does not end with the standard formula

("And it was evening...") It continues. Having created a perfect world God invites human beings to enjoy its blessings with him. Genesis 2:4-25 shows us what that looks like.

Read Genesis 2:4-25

This second account of creation complements the first, with a narrower focus on human beings and the perfect relationships God intended for them.

What is the relationship?

- God and humans?
 - God is lovingly concerned for Adam. He gives him a wonderful environment to live in and provides the perfect partner for him (v18, 22).
 - God is their loving ruler. He gives them great freedom (v16), but issues one prohibition, which is for their good (v17).
- Man and woman?
 - They enjoy complete intimacy without fear or guilt (v25)
- Human beings and creation?
 - They are to 'work' the 'Garden of Eden' and 'take care of it' (v15)



Reflection

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Additional questions here could be:

When do you need to remember that:

- material things are valuable to God?
- people are made in God's image and are precious?
- rest (not work or things or people) is the goal of creation?

What could you do this week to enjoy God as the creator and enjoy rest with him?