

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

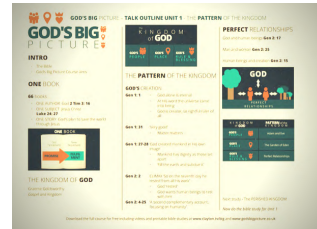
9 UNITS



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

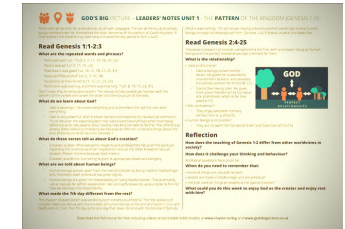
3 PRINTABLES

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

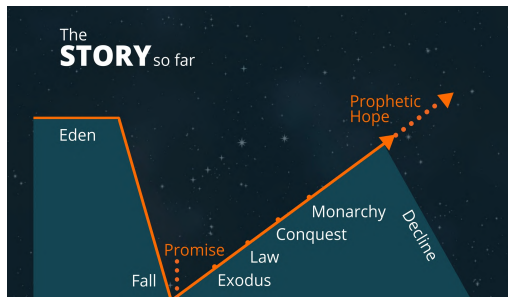
HOW TO DOWNLOAD (for the non techy)

- 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

THE **STORY** SO FAR



THE NEW TESTAMENT **GOSPELS**

- Matthew, Mark & Luke - synoptic gospels, verbal parallels
- John - different style, unique material
- Complementary accounts of Jesus
- Same overall message...

JESUS IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The start of Matthew: **1: 1**

The start of Mark: **1: 2-3**

The start of Luke: **1: 54-55**

The start of John: **1: 1; Gen 1:1**

2 Cor 1:20 Promises: Yes in Christ



JESUS IS GOD'S PEOPLE

The true Israel

- Tested for 40 days
- 12 apostles
- 'I am the vine and you are the branches.' **John 15:5**

JESUS IS GOD'S PLACE

The true tabernacle **John 1:14**

The true temple **John 7: 37-38, Ezek 47**

JESUS IS GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING

The true king: Son of David

- Miracles **Matt 12: 22-28**
- Son of God
- Conquest over Satan **Col 2: 15**

Resurrection blessings

- Life after death
- Eternal rest

THE **CROSS**: SALVATION THROUGH SUBSTITUTION

THE **CLIMAX** OF THE BIBLE

- **Mark 8: 31**
- God's wrath is satisfied or 'propitiated'
- **1 Pet 3: 18**



THE NEW **COVENANT**

- Forgiven, God is our father, fellowship with God by the Holy Spirit

KINGDOM of GOD	PRESENT KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	True Israel
GOD'S PLACE	True tabernacle, true temple
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	True king, resurrection life

Now do the bible study for Unit 7

Next study- THE PROCLAIMED KINGDOM



Read Luke 1:67-75

What do these verses imply about the situation before Christ came?

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What do we learn about salvation?

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How should God's people respond to salvation?

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Read Luke 1:76-79

What more do we learn about salvation?

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What are the implications for our lives?

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Read Luke 1:67-75

What do these verses imply about the situation before Christ came?

The reference to 'redemption' in v68 implies God's people were previously enslaved. They were under the oppression of 'enemies' (v71-74). These enemies are not defined. We are surely meant to understand that they refer in general terms to any anti-God power, which speaks to prevent people from knowing and serving him. This includes both spiritual forces (the Devil and his allies) and worldly opponents (e.g. godless authority or worldly society).

What do we learn about salvation?

- It is entirely God's work through Christ. He is the 'horn of salvation' (v69). The horn is a symbol of great strength and refers here to the mighty king of David's line, prophesied in 2 Sam 7:11-16.
- It is the fulfilment of God's promises in the Old Testament.
 - v70. A number of prophets refer to the coming Davidic King of 2 Sam 7 (e.g. Isaiah 9:7; Jer 33:15; Amos 9:11)
 - v72-73. Genesis 12:1-3
- God will redeem his people (v68) and then rescue them from their enemies (v71, 74). Christ achieved the decisive victory against sin, death and Satan through his death and resurrection. Salvation will only be completed at his second coming, when all his enemies, whether spiritual or worldly, will be fully and finally defeated.

How should God's people respond to salvation?

We should, like Zechariah, be full of praise (v67). Take time to dwell on this point. What holds us back from praising as we should?

We are saved to serve (v74-75).

- Again ensure the application is earthed. What will it look like in practice for us to serve God "without fear", to live "in holiness and righteousness" and to do so "all our days"? What gets in the way? How will an appreciation of what God has done for us in Christ help?

Read Luke 1:76-79

What more do we learn about salvation?

- John the Baptist is the messenger prophesied in Malachi 3:1 (v76). He will herald the coming of "the Lord", who brings salvation and prepares people for him.
- John will proclaim the forgiveness of sins, which Christ will offer (v77). No-one deserves salvation, but Jesus will make it possible, by taking the penalty for sin himself, so he can offer forgiveness as a gift.
- With the coming of Christ the dawn of salvation appears. He brings light into the darkness of the fallen world, which has been under the grip of sin and death (see Isaiah 9:2). Simeon praises God that this light is not just for Jews, but for Gentiles too (Luke 2:29-32). This is a fulfilment of Isaiah 49:6.

What are the implications for our lives?

- Now that Christ has come, we should live in his light and not in darkness. And we should walk on "the path of peace" (v79), in harmony with God.
- What will that look like in practice?
- What will help us live in this way?