

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

RECAP

- The Bible: one book, one divine author, one subject, one story
- The theme: THE KINGDOM OF **GOD**
- The story so far: THE **PATTERN** OF THE KINGDOM - a series of perfect relationships



WHERE DID **EVIL** COME FROM?

- God is sovereign, holy and loving
- A rebellion in the angelic world, **2 Pet 2:4, Jude 6**

SATAN'S TACTICS

Distorts God's word **Gen 3:1** 'It's not clear'

Questions God's word **Gen 3:4** 'It's not true'

Distorts God's motives **Gen 3:5** 'It's not fair'

THE **FALL**

- An act of rebellion



BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

Man and Woman

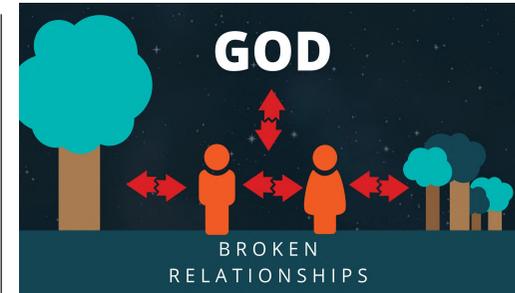
- Coverings to hide their nakedness **Gen 3: 7**
- Shame and squabbling **Gen 3: 16b**

Human beings and creation

- 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it' **Gen 3: 17**

God and human beings

- So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden' **Gen 3: 23**



THE **SPREAD** OF SIN AND DEATH

Gen 4 Cain murders Abel

Gen 5 Genealogy '...and then he died'

Gen 6 - 9 The Flood

Gen 11 The Tower of Babel

THE KINGDOM OF **GOD**

KINGDOM of GOD	PERISHED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	No-one
GOD'S PLACE	Banished from Eden
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Disobedience and curse

Next study- The PROMISED KINGDOM

Now do the bible study for Unit 2



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The serpent

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The sin

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The consequences

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- Human beings and creation

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How do we see Satan using the same tactics today?

The talk has pointed out that Satan causes us to doubt the clarity, truth and fairness of God's word. Check that people have understood this and then focus on application. Make it specific and concrete by discussing one or two specific temptations. E.g. How might Satan try to tempt you to lie or to gossip.

The sin

What did Adam and Eve do wrong?

They are disobeying God's clear command and deciding that they will decide the standards by which they will live, rather than submitting to him. It is an act of fundamental rebellion. This has been the nature of sin ever since.

The consequences

The talk has already shown how sin damages the perfect relationships of the Perfect kingdom. Briefly get the group to repeat those points, referring to the verses in Genesis 3, while also mentioning other examples. Then ask them to describe the continuing impact of sin today.

How do we see sin damaging relationships in Genesis 3 and today between:

- Men and women
 - They cover themselves (v7). The complete openness and intimacy of 2:25 has gone. • Adam blames Eve (v12)
 - V16b seems to describe a power struggle. 'Desire', is used in 4:7 to speak of sins 'desire' to master Cain. It seems it refers in 3:16 to Eve's desire to dominate Adam, but he resists and seeks to 'rule' her.

- Human beings and creation
 - "cursed is the ground because of you" (v17). Works is a good part of God's creation (see 1:28; 2:15), but it will always involve frustration in a fallen world.
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- Human beings and God
 - They are ashamed and hide from God (v8-10)
 - They are banished from God and therefore from eternal life.

'cherubim' (v24) are winged lions with human heads. They appear elsewhere in the Bible as the guardians of holy places.

What signs of hope can be seen in this chapter?

- Despite their sin, God comes looking for Adam and Eve (v8-9)
- God promises that in the future a saviour will come who will crush Satan (v15)
- God shows his continued love for Adam and Eve by providing clothes for them (v21).

How can we be encouraged by this hope?

Verse 15 is a gospel promise that points to Christ. Paul teaches that he will finally crush Satan at his second coming (Rom 16:20), but he has already achieved the decisive victory on the cross (Col 2:15.)