

***Artizo Discussion Paper – Section: Students of the Bible***

**‘God’s Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible’**

**Vaughan Roberts, 2002, IVP, Downer’s Grove, Illinois.**

**Week 1: Introduction, Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 (pgs. 13-46)**

We are going to be spending the next 4 weeks working through Vaughn Robert’s book that presents a simple framework for understanding how the bible fits together as a whole. This is a particularly important thing to understand as we teach on a passage of scripture. Why? We need to study any given passage in 3 key contexts; 1) Its context in the text immediately surrounding it 2) In the book of the bible it is in as a whole 3) In the Bible as a whole. It is this 3<sup>rd</sup> step of understanding how a passage fits into the whole bible that many times is poorly understood. This book has been written to help us understand this ‘last circle of context’

**Questions:**

1. What are some ways people can view the bible and how it fits together?
2. What part does the book of Genesis play in helping us to understand what is happening today in our world?
3. How does what you have learned from chs. 1 & 2 help you to preach a Christmas sermon from Genesis?