

Chapter 6

Introduction

1. How does a big picture (helicopter) view of a city help you to know where you are going?
2. What is one of the mistakes that we make with handling God's word?
3. What kind of book is the Bible? Explain.
4. Why is a "panoramic" view of the Bible necessary in addition to a "street level" view?
5. **Recap.** The authors summarize the previous chapters as:

Chapter 3 showed us that we have _____ for change. Explain below.

Chapter 4 showed us that Jesus Christ is the _____ who changes us. Explain below.

Chapter 5 showed us that the body of Christ is the _____ for change. Explain below.

Are these three solidly in place in your life?

If not, what must happen?

A God of Grace and a World of Metaphors

6. What does the Bible provide when examined carefully?

The Big Picture

7. The book's model of "the big picture" will organize the pictures God uses to show us what four things?

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8. In what ways does examining this big picture function as a...

...spiritual biography?

...diagnostic tool?

...window?

...a teacher?

9. Name and explain the four images that summarize the “aerial view of daily life.” Memorize them.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Using the Big Picture

10. **Heat** – What was the “heat” that Israel faced in the passage mentioned?

What similar “heat” are you facing in life?

11. **Thorns** – In what ungodly ways did the Israelites respond to this heat?

What such “thorns” do you see in your response to the situation you listed above?

Explain the relationship between our hearts, our behaviors, and consequences.

12. **Cross** – What was God’s provision to the Israelites?

What has God provided you through Christ, especially in regard to your situation?

13. **Fruit** – How did Paul call his readers to respond differently than the Israelites did?

In light of the cross, how should you respond to the “heat” in your life?

A Personal Story

14. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-12. Identify below the Heat-Thorns-Cross-Fruit elements of Paul's story.

Heat –

Thorns –

Cross –

Fruit –

Life as God Sees It, Change as God Does It

15. Pick a particular situation in your life and answer the questions below.

Heat – What is your situation?

Thorns – How do you react? What do you want and believe?

Cross – Who is God and what does he say and do in Christ?

Fruit – How is God calling me to seek him in repentance and faith?

In the space below, redraw the diagram from the book. Write in your answers to the questions above in the diagram.