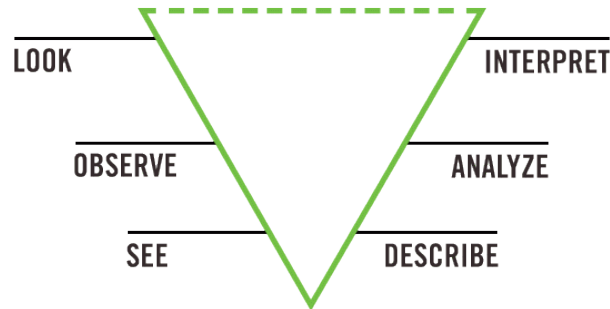


How Can We See and Pay Attention to Life Around Us?

SIX STEPS TO SEEING GOD'S ARTWORK/CREATION



LOOK

The first step may seem pretty obvious. But it is so important that it is worth calling special attention to. Allow yourself to take the time to slow down and look carefully.

OBSERVE

Observation is where close looking comes into play. Observation is an active process, requiring both time and attention. It is here the observer must look at colors, lines, shapes, space, texture, and many other physical characteristics.

SEE

Looking is a physical act; seeing is a mental process of perception. Seeing involves recognizing or connecting the information the eyes take in with your previous knowledge and experiences in order to create meaning. This requires time and attention to these patterns in God's creation.



BALANCE



EMPHASIS



HARMONY



MOVEMENT



PROPORTION



RHYTHM



UNITY



VARIETY

DESCRIBE

Describing can help you to identify and organize your thoughts about what you have seen. It may be helpful to think of describing as taking a careful inventory. What patterns do you notice?

ANALYZE

Analysis uses the details you identified in your descriptions and applies reason to make meaning. Analysis is also an opportunity to consider how your descriptions fit together to tell a story. What forms, symbols, ideas, and meaning do you think there are?

INTERPRET

Interpretation combines our descriptions and analysis with our previous knowledge and any information we have about God and His artwork. Interpretation allows us to draw conclusions about what you are seeing. What does this tell you about God? About yourself? About our world?