

Chapter 1: The Centrality of the Gospel

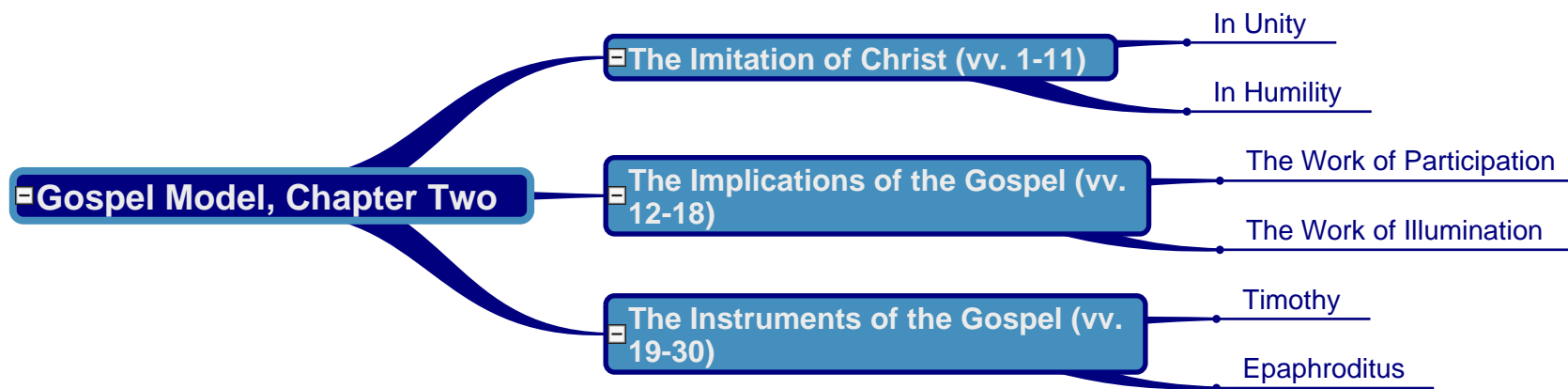
In describing your relationship with believers, what are you sharing with them? How does the centrality of the gospel enhance your relationships with the people of the church?

What was the decision making criteria used for the last job you took? What will be your decision making criteria for the next job you take? What gospel principles should be considered in the decision making process?

What special interests do you have? In what way do those interests relate to the centrality of the gospel?

What do you pray for? What does Paul pray for in his letters? How does the centrality of the gospel change your prayer time?





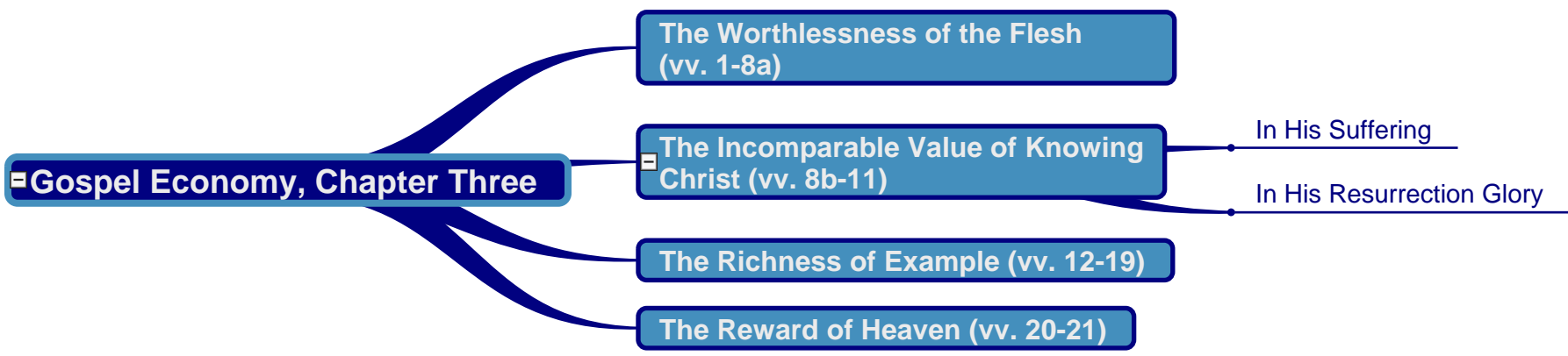
Chapter 2: Modeling the Gospel

Who is/was your spiritual mentor? How did they demonstrate the unity and humility of the gospel? What are you doing to demonstrate the unity and humility of the gospel of Christ?

How do you describe the Spirit's work in your life? What is the biblical view of participation in the work of salvation?

Which Christian leaders are you seeking to emulate today? What characteristics should you be looking for? Are they the characteristics you are modeling for others?





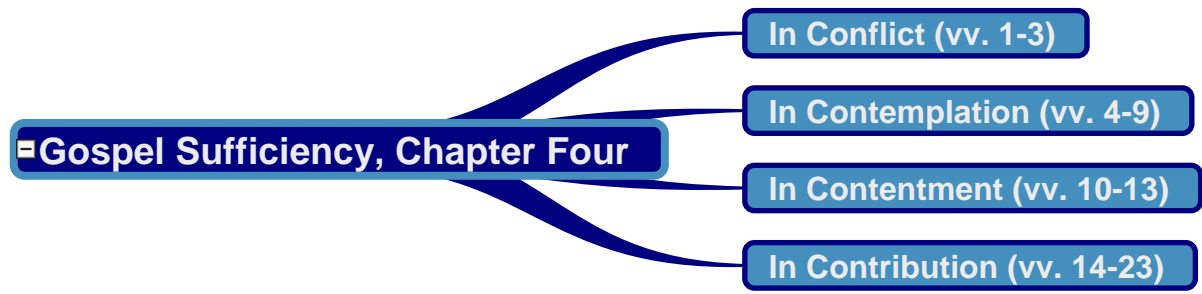
Chapter 3: The Value of the Gospel

Following Christ is always a battle between believing the gospel of salvation by faith alone, and attempting to earn our place by human efforts. What human works have you often trusted in that you often need to count "as rubbish?" What is the biblical response to those who would value human efforts in relation to Christ's work?

What does it mean to share in the sufferings of Christ? In what ways are you called to share in His sufferings? What would it look like for the church to share in His sufferings?

We often speak of Heaven as our home. What practical ways are you treating heaven like home? How are we to value our citizenship in heaven over earthly status? How is our vocation used by God to prepare us for heavenly citizenship? Our marriages?





Chapter 4: The Gospel is More than Enough

If you have been around the church for any length of time, you have experienced conflict. The church is a place where messy people share their lives as the gospel of Jesus affects their hearts. What conflicts have been the result of laboring together in the gospel mission? How many were for other reasons? How has the work of Christ affected your approach to conflict? What does it mean to be united in Christ? What does it not mean?

What does it mean to meditate on what is "good"? Do you struggle with the desire to sin? How does Jesus bring you comfort in this struggle?

How much material blessing is enough? How do Western Christians measure "enough"? Does Paul mean that He can do "anything" through Christ? What circumstances is he speaking of in this context?

If you recognize that you have all that you need in a material way, what is the excess for? How do you decide what to do with the extra you have? Is your contribution to the work of the gospel a priority?

