**Q57 leads us to the Noahic Covenant**

1. What is the basis (by grace or by work) for experiencing the benefits of this Noahic Covenant, which God made after the flood?
2. Take an opportunity to pause the discussion and pray a prayer of thanks and worship to God, that He covenanted the Noahic Covenant so that we could be born and saved, for His glory and our good.
3. Even before the flood and the covenant, we see that Noah believed God’s word and out of that belief, Noah obeyed God. (Faith first obedience.) Discuss the weight (and blessing) of obeying God’s commands, even at great cost or effort (building an ark is no easy task).
4. Read Romans 12:2 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Tonight, the lesson and Scripture spoke to some topics that our culture has largely deceived many people on (capital punishment, abortion, etc). Discuss if the value and NEED of conforming to God’s word instead of culture *is clearly seen and the longing to do so exists*. By what standard are each of us to live? (Not intended to cause debate on that was taught/seen, but rather discuss/see the call on Christians to conform to Jesus according to the Bible.)

1. We have learned that we must keep the Covenant of Redemption in mind as we read the Bible. We must remember that “all of what we read about in the Bible happens because of that covenant. All of what we read in the Bible serves to fulfill God’s perfect plan to which the focus of that covenant informs us.” Discuss how this applies to today’s lesson, and discuss how this Covenant Theology study as a whole is helping your understanding of Scripture.
2. To see God’s righteous wrath towards sin and His mercy towards His chosen ones, read 2 Peter 2:4-10.

* “the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials” Discuss how God’s mercy towards His chosen ones leads us to worship of Him, growth, and peace even in trials.
* Discuss the sinful boldness of the unsaved and God’s wrath towards them.

1. In light of the fall and made possible by the patience God has (as seen in the Noahic Covenant), the gospel needs to be shared among all peoples. How have these lessons thus far spurred this on for you? Are you challenged to be speaking it more and seek these opportunities?
2. Spend time praying for one another, the church, the elders, our neighbors, our city, or government, etc