**Q77. Why did God ordain creation and the plan of salvation?**

God ordained creation and the plan of salvation for the display of His glory, highlighting especially His grace and power.

**Q78. Who will be saved?**

Only those whom God has chosen for salvation—the elect—will be saved.

**Q79. When did God choose individuals for salvation?**

Based on His will alone, in love, God chose and predestined each of the elect before creation.

1. God’s choice to save you, believer, is not based on any so-called goodness, will, or work in you; rather, it is based on God’s will, power, and grace. **How does knowing this humble you and create more worship in you towards God?**
2. God sovereignly choses specific individuals, having love for them in a personal way, and these individuals, one by one, are known, sought, and brought into the unified body of Jesus Christ in God’s decreed time. If you are united to Christ by grace, through faith in Him alone, you were personally-individually chosen by God.

* Discuss how His love for *you* was specific, unfailing, eternal, and intentional! What does the truth stir up in your heart?
* Discuss how we are saved into a multiethnic, multigenerational, united, unbreakable, committed, accountable family (the one body of Christ). What implications should this have on how we love one another, submit to one another, and regularly meet with one another?

1. Read Colossians 3:12-13 together.

How does the teaching tonight on *identity* compel you to be the healthy Christian that the passage commands? In which of these areas do you see the need for growth in your own life?

1. Read Isaiah 46:9-10 together.

In these kinds of passages, we see that God has preordained all that has and will come about. All that God has decreed before time began will happen, and only such things will happen. Discuss this reality and how this should affect your daily life and fight against worry/anxiety.

1. If God is not sovereign over all things, He cannot answer our prayers. It’s common that people pray to God and ask Him to save a friend or enemy, but if salvation depends on their will/power and not God’s will/power, then this kind of prayer is worthless. How does understanding God’s sovereignty in/over salvation help you find humble boldness in praying to God to ask for the salvation of your peers?
2. God will undoubtedly save His chosen ones, and while we must proclaim the gospel accurately, salvation doesn’t depend on your ability to intellectually convince anyone about the good news of Jesus. What are ways in which you can share the gospel with more joy and boldness? How does it affect your boldness knowing that it brings glory to God and will accomplish all God has decreed when the gospel is proclaimed?
3. Read: Romans 12:2, which talks about the "renewal of your mind.”

Many of us have grown up trusting our own ideas or incorrect teaching rather than knowing and affirming what the Bible teaches about the matters we heard tonight. We must trust that what counts as “good” or “bad” is so because God determines it to be. He is the final reference point for these matters and not fallible man.

* What presuppositions do you need to give up based on the truth in Scripture regarding our topics tonight?
* How have you been tempted to rise up against God’s revelations and call Him into question?
* Discuss ways to grow in trusting God’s perfect wisdom and will.

**\*\*Close in a time of prayer focused on exultation and praise and thankfulness for God’s sovereign saving grace.**