

# Bible Quiz Newsletter

**NOVEMBER 2024**

## **ADVICE TO NEW BIBLE QUIZ COACHES:**

1. Take great lengths to ensure you never mess up the score. It's a whole different level of discouragement when you lose a game because of something that is out of your control as a quizzer.
2. Keep your cool during contests; this is more about your quizzers learning the word of God than you being right in an argument. If you can always maintain a calm manner during contesting, that will profoundly impact your quizzers.

**Zach Ponraj, Former Quizzer  
Deeper Church, Burien, WA**

## **ADVICE TO NEW BIBLE QUIZZERS:**

1. Open your Scripture Portion every day! Even if it is just 5 minutes, it will establish an ongoing habit. Studying is exponentially harder on Tuesday if you skipped Monday;)
2. Better to solidify less material, than to sloppily learn a bulk amount. Do it well the first time and you won't have to relearn it again later.

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## **MEMORIZATION TIPS:**

The goal of memorizing is to remember the verses for months and years. Some quizzers cut corners on memorizing. As a result, they often must rememorize verses throughout the season. Or they quickly forget the verses they spent so much time learning throughout the season. Both scenarios are unfortunate, and we want to avoid them both.

The best way to keep verses is to memorize them well at the beginning and then review them consistently throughout the week.

With that in mind, here are a few pointers:

- Always read and recite verses aloud. This involves multiple senses, and it helps your memory process the new material.
- Change the order that you recite verses. First recite the verses in order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Then, recite the verses in reverse order, shown as “Backwards” below (5, 4, 3, 2, 1).
- Even if you can recite a verse after reading it 4-5x, keep reading it 10 times. That will help you really solidify the verse in your mind.
- Think about what the verse means. Don't let the verse just become a sequence of words. The goal of Bible Quiz is for God's Word to fill our heads, take root in our hearts, and impact the work of our hands.

When I ask whether you memorized these verses the “right way”, I am asking whether you quoted the verses this number of times:

1. Read the first verse 10 times.
2. Recite the first verse 10 times without looking.
3. Read the second verse 10 times.
4. Recite the second verse 10 times without looking.
5. Recite verses 1 and 2 together a total of 10 times:

1. Forward
2. Backwards (by verse number, not by word!)
3. Forward
4. Backwards
5. Forward
6. Backwards
7. Forward
8. Backwards
9. Forward
10. Backwards

6. Read the third verse 10 times and recite it 10 times without looking.

7. Add the third verse to the set and quote the set 10 times:

1. Forward
2. Backwards
3. Forward
4. Backwards
5. Forward
6. Backwards
7. Forward
8. Backwards
9. Forward
10. Backwards

8. Repeat the process until you complete the entire set of verses.

**Michael Pearson, former top National Finals Quizzer, TX**

## **JBQ/BQ: AFRICA & JAMAICA:**

Friends, our outreach to the nations with JBQ (and limited pockets of Bible Quiz) is gaining pace. We spent 16 days in Uganda and Tanzania in September and early October, meeting with over 1000 pastors and more than 30 bishops, casting vision. At one location in Uganda, there were over 500 kids who participated in quizzing most of the day.

The trip to Tanzania exceeded our hopes and prayers. On our last night in the country, we were hosted by the former general secretary of an organization with over 11,000 churches. As the

evening progressed, Jackson and his wife Anna explained JBQ was THE program they had been looking for for their churches. I have spent the last few weeks thinking and praying: “Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus.”

If the above was not enough of God showing who He is, we will be in Jamaica in early December launching both JBQ and BQ in both the Christiana/Mandeville area and the Montego Bay area. A team from Texas will be joining us and it is certainly not too late for others to join as well.

As you might guess, all of this is pretty expensive. We are currently looking for \$34,000.00 to fund Africa. The money is used to purchase more JBQ materials .If you are interested in partnering, the following link allows donations through **Deeper Church (Pastor Richie Nelson’s (Former National BQ quizzer) church, Burrien, WA)**. Be sure to click “JBQ Uganda” in the dropdown menu. If you want to see some of the work, the other two links take you to Facebook and a Google site with more information.

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## **QUESTION WRITER TIPS ACTS: CONTENDER DIVISION & XP5: JON GALLIERS**

### **General style:**

I like to prepare quizzers for common question styles used in higher levels of quiz but demanding shorter answers. Acts is similar to a gospel in the storytelling aspect, so many questions will focus on: (1) words (answers, replies, conversations), (2) time periods (what happened when/before/during/after events, (3) addresses (how a speaker addresses their audience, or (4) actions (what did God/the apostles/the people do). I will also ask for chapter analysis frequently at all point levels. The best tool for understanding what to expect will be the Contender Study Questions. Scripture Text Questions and “According to” questions should be interrupted cautiously. Due to the simpler language of the NLT translation, “According to the nth verse” is used to avoid collisions where similar phrasing appears in multiple verses of the same section or chapter.

## **League Competition:**

10-point questions will remain consistent in difficulty from the League level through Regional Finals. I write with a general rule of seven words or fewer for 10s, but most will be shorter (1-5 words), although rare exceptions may occur. Some reference knowledge will be required for all point values. 20-point answers generally range from 5 words up to an entire verse (if short). Most 30-point questions will require close to an entire verse in length. League 1 through League Finals will be consistent in difficulty and will only change the material being covered. Please be aware of the following requirements for the league level questions for the Contender and XP5 divisions:

- All Quotation Questions throughout the year will come from the marked primary verses in the Scripture portion.
- 2 Application questions will appear in each set for League 1 through League 4
  - For XP5 rounds, these will appear between questions 13-18
  - For Contender rounds, these will appear after question 10
- Contender Study Questions will appear:
  - As 10 of the first 12 questions for all XP5 matches
  - As 10 questions per set for Contender League 1
  - As 5 questions per set for Contender Leagues 2 through 4

## **District Finals:**

Expect the difficulty of 20- and 30-point questions to increase. 30-point questions may span up to two verses. Understanding connections between portions of the text will become increasingly important, as will the ability to quote the material and recall verses by reference. Some single-verse concordance may be asked.

## **Regional Finals:**

Expect Regional 20-point questions to be similar to 30-point questions at District Finals (1-2 verses in length). 30-point questions will span up to 2-3 consecutive verses may require medium chapter analysis lists, and some smaller concordance answers (up to 2 separate verses).

## **CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION: DANIELLE MORI**

### **General points:**

- Most types of 10s will be of similar difficulty throughout the season.

- A few select types of 10s will ramp up in difficulty at the District, Regional, and National levels (i.e. the chapter required as the answer early in the season and the verse reference later in the season).
- The locator in the introductory remarks—whether blind (no location given), from a chapter, or from a section—will typically correlate to the interruption point and the length of the question.
- Most types of questions have a predictably anticipated interruption point; Scripture text questions, however, are less predictable and may have a much later interruption point.

## **Leagues:**

- League questions start to reveal the pattern of types of questions and interruption points for the year.
- Quizzers would do well to focus on quoting the material perfectly, especially bulleted (black dot) verses, and learning the verse references for all verses. All point values of questions will use verse references in some of the question types.
- With the exception of lists, most 20-point questions will require part of a long verse or an entire short verse, and most 30-point questions will require all or most of a long verse.
- There will be two Application Questions per set in Leagues 1-4. Only the Application Questions covering the current material for that meet will be asked.
- A small number of questions will ask for an answer or answers coming from more than one verse, but the answers and difficulty will be comparable to questions asking for only one verse.

## **Districts:**

- Difficulty will start to increase at Districts, with some multi-verse, 20 and 30-point questions and some concordance questions (i.e. Essence question. 2-part answer. From separate verses of Acts chapter 1. Give in essence the verses in which John the Baptist is named).
- Quizzers will do well if they can quote the material, recite most intra-chapter chapter analysis in 30 seconds, and begin studying some of the 2- and 3-part concordance answers.

## **Regionals:**

- Difficulty will take another step up at Regionals, primarily in length of answer.

- Continuing to study the concordance, chapter analysis, and quoting the material consistently will help the quizzers perform well.

## Nationals:

- National-level questions, especially the 20s and 30s, will reflect the most difficult questions of the year. Quizzers will need to be able to quote the material perfectly and quickly.
- Nearly all 20- and 30-pointers will be asked from more than one verse, and many questions will require that quizzers have studied the concordance and chapter analysis beforehand.

\*\*Additional guidance on Regionals and Nationals questions will be provided in early 2025.

## 2024-2025 QUIZ SEASON OVER ACTS:

	CHAMPIONSHIP	CONTENDER	XP5
MEET 1	Acts 1-5 178 verses	Acts 1- 4 136 verses	Acts 2 47 verses
MEET 2	Acts 6-9 158 verses	Acts 5-7 117 verses	Acts 4 37 verses
MEET 3	Acts 10-13 155 verses	Acts 8-9:19 58 verses	Acts 5 42 verses
MEET 4	Acts 14-17 143 verses	Acts 9:20-10:48 72 verses	Acts 9 43 verses
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>634 verses</b>	<b>383 verses</b>	<b>169 verses</b>

## ACTS SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

The Acts Scripture Portions are available through My Healthy Church.

Acts practice questions are available at [MHC Digital | Teen Bible Quiz \(myhealthychurch.com\)](https://www.myhealthychurch.com)

# DISCIPLESHIP AWARD OVER ACTS

One of the great moments in modern church history was the famous Azusa Street revival of 1906-1909. What was very remarkable was that God used W.J. Seymour, an unlikely candidate in that period of American history. In that pre-Civil War Rights era God used Mr. Seymour, a black man who was blind in one eye, to lead thousands to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Read the book Azusa Street by Frank Bartleman and write a 200-word report on the book.

## ACTS QUESTIONS

Karl Dawson, Nationals Coach and Quizzer, has 53 Championship-level Acts practice sets available for \$50. There are 17-chapter sets, 20 section sets, and 16 comprehensive sets. E-mail Karl at [karltdawson@mac.com](mailto:karltdawson@mac.com) to order. Karl also is making available 20 Acts practice sets for XP5 FREE for anyone. There are 5 sets for each chapter, and they are all original questions (no study questions). Check out the Bible Quiz Facebook group or e-mail Karl to receive them.

## ACTS SCRIPTURE PORTION ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS:

Please add the below parentheticals to the *“Full Chapter Analysis List”* in the back of your scripture portion:

### PARENTHETICALS: 25

A 1:13 (son of Alphaeus)

A 1:13 (the zealot)

A 1:13 (son of James)

A 1:18-19 (Judas had bought a field with the money he received for his treachery. Falling headfirst there, his body split open, spilling out all his intestines. The news of his death spread to all the people of Jerusalem, and they gave the place the Aramaic name Akeldama, which means "Field of Blood.")

A 1:23 (also known as Justus)

A 2:11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism)

A 2:42 (including the Lord's Supper)

A 4:36 (which means "Son of Encouragement")

A 6:5 (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit)

A 6:5 (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith)

A 8:2 (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.)

A 9:36 (which in Greek is Dorcas)

A 11:26 (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)



A 11:28 (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.)

A 12:2 (John's brother)

A 12:3 (This took place during the Passover celebration.)

A 13:1 (called "the black man")

A 13:1 (from Cyrene)

A 13:1 (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas)

A 13:8 (as his name means in Greek)

A 15:22 (also called Barsabbas)

A 17:21 (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.)

A 21:29 (For earlier that day they had seen him in the city with Trophimus, a Gentile from Ephesus, and they assumed Paul had taken him into the Temple.)

A 25:3 (planning to ambush and kill him on the way)

A 27:14 (called a "northeaster")

## **Regular Chapter Analysis:**

Bar-Jesus the sorcerer in Acts 13:6 is the same person as Elymas the sorcerer in Acts 13:8. Elymas is his Greek name, which is clarified in the parenthetical statement in verse 8. Acts chapter 13 now has 19 Individuals.

## **Full Chapter Analysis:**

The Philip named in Acts 1 is referring to Philip the Apostle and is a separate individual from Philip the Evangelist in Acts 6, 8 and 21.

Pilate, named in Acts 3 and 13, should be combined with Pontius Pilate in Acts 4.

The Antioch named in Acts 6 should be included with Antioch of Syria in Acts 11:19. The verse refers to Nicolas of Antioch, "an earlier convert to the Jewish faith", meaning he would have been one of the first believers from the Syrian Antioch.

Claudius Lysias in Acts 23 should be labeled under Lysias in Acts 24, as well as Porcius Festus in Acts 24 under Festus in Acts 24 and 25.

- Master Memorization Award. Acts Chapters 1-17 within 1 hour and 15 minutes, 15 mistakes or less and must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting from Acts chapter 1 verse 1 through Acts chapter 17 verse 34.

- Application Questions are posted at <http://www.biblequiz.com> for the 2024-2025 BQ Season.
- Need a quiz set?
  - Steve Kirkman, [www.quizequipment.com](http://www.quizequipment.com)
  - Lucas Cox, [lucas.cox@gmail.com](mailto:lucas.cox@gmail.com)
- Quote Cards are available through [Biblequizshop.com](http://Biblequizshop.com)
- Need to find other BQ information?
  - <http://www.biblequiz.com>

## RULES

- Summary of changes for the new Rules for 2024-2025 are at [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com)
- Team fouls are no longer assessed after a third unsuccessful contest. (Teams are still restricted from contesting after a third unsuccessful contest.)
- Also, there is now a clear definition for when a question is considered interrupted, specifically at the first sound of the first word. (See page 8 of the Rules for more information).
- Lastly, minor adjustments, clarifications, and grammatical tweaks have been made for better understanding and accuracy.

# BQ TOURNAMENTS

### ***Mid-Winter Classic BQ Tournament***

January 10-11, 2025

Sioux Falls First, Sioux Falls, SD

### ***40th Friendship Classic***

January 24-25, 2025

Oxford AG, Oxford, FL

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5,  
Adult

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***Presidents Cup***

February 1, 2025  
Swedesboro, NJ  
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***Emerald City Tournament***

April 2025  
Exact date TBA  
Seattle, WA (Area)  
Championship only

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Championship only

Contact: Bernie Elliot [ElliotBQ@gmail.com](mailto:ElliotBQ@gmail.com)

***Windy City Classic***

Feb 28-Mar 1, 2025  
Calvary Church, Naperville, IL  
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***Jersey Shore Pre-Nats***

June 6-7, 2025  
Tinton Falls, NJ  
All material covered  
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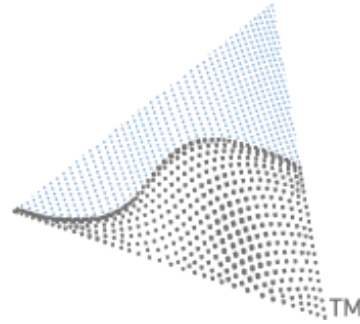
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