

Bible Quiz Newsletter

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“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” – Romans 1:21

Author Chris Winfield writes: “I was in a constant state of “poor me.” This all started to change once I began writing a gratitude list every single day for the past 34+ months and it has changed my life profoundly. Here are the 4 most important things I’ve learned on my gratitude journey:

1. It’s Hard at First: My mentor told me to text him three things that I am grateful for *every day*. Sounds pretty easy right? Well, it wasn’t. When you’ve lived most of your life *not* focusing on gratitude, it’s not so simple to change that.

2. There Is Always Something to Be Grateful For: No matter what was going on in my life (business problems, I was sick, someone cut me off in traffic) there was *always* something that I could find to be grateful for (my health, my daughter’s smile, etc.).

3. Gratitude Grows the More You Use It: My gratitude lists started off very basic and I struggled to find things to be grateful for (especially on the really tough days). But once I consistently took action, it became easier and easier.

4. It Can Help Stop Negative Thought Patterns: According to the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, the average person has about 70,000 thoughts each day! There's one big problem with this — the vast majority of these thoughts are negative. Gratitude can work to stop these negative thought patterns by replacing it with something positive.”

As we begin this New Year, make every effort to be grateful for all of the Lord's blessings. Today in prayer, thank Christ for the blessings He has bestowed on you and seek to be grateful to Him and to others throughout the day.

RULES UPDATE

During a League meet in the fall a situation came up and was brought to the attention of the Rules Committee:

On page 16, rule #6b, the 2024-2025 Rules include an example from Acts 2:17 as an instance in which an interjected phrase should be required as part of a Chapter Analysis Answer. The NLT does not include the interjection as part of the Old Testament Scripture; therefore the example is incorrect. The new text of the rule is as follows:

b. A quizzer must give the interjected phrases found within Complete Answers, Quotation or Quotation Completion Questions, Essence or Essence Completion Questions, and the official Chapter Analysis. (e.g., The Old Testament Scripture in Hebrews 8:10 has the interjection “says the Lord.” “But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord.” In this example, a quizzer would be required to give the interjection “says the Lord” in the answer.)

UPDATED WRITER TIPS FOR CHAMPION DIVISION

General:

- Quizzers who are deeply familiar with the Scripture and can quote clearly and quickly will do well.
- Patterns will emerge in the Practice DRN sets and official District questions, which will carry on through the rest of the competition, especially in regard to concordance questions.
- 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 10-point questions will be comparable to the 10-pointers in league competition but a few will reflect an increased difficulty.
- A variety of concordance question types will be asked—chapter analysis, multiple complete answers, chapters mentioning, verse references, quotation questions, and more.
 - Many concordance questions will ask for multiple complete answers and ask for answers based on similar phrasing or context in the verses.
 - Example: Give 2 complete answers. From 2 separate verses. What happened beforehand?

Districts:

- Difficulty will start to increase at Districts, with some multi-verse 20- and 30-point questions and some concordance questions.
 - Example: Essence question. 2-part answer. From separate verses of Acts chapter 1. Give in essence the verses in which John the Baptist is named.
- About one third of 20- and 30-point questions will be based on the concordance.
- Quizzers will do well if they can quote the material, recite most intra-chapter chapter analysis in 30 seconds, and are familiar with the 2- and 3-part concordance answers.

Regionals:

- The difficulty of the questions will increase a step from Districts. Many twenty-point questions will come from more than one verse, and the majority of 30-point questions will come from 3-4 verses.
- Sets will be slightly more heavily weighted with concordance-based questions than the District sets.

Nationals:

- Approximately one third to one half of all 20- and 30-point questions will be based on the concordance. The mix will vary within each set.
- Twenty-pointers will vary in length, with a few questions requiring a one-verse answer, many requiring 2-3 verses, and a few requiring longer answers or a list.
- Thirty-pointers will be the most difficult questions of the year. Many questions require four or more verses, long lists, or concordance-based answers that would need to be previously studied thoroughly.
- Questions will reflect previous competitions' style with more difficult answers.

CHAPTER SAMPLER

It is already time to start putting together materials for the 2026-2027 BQ season over the Gospel of Mark. One of the greatest assets for teams is the Chapter Sampler sets. These are written, edited, and formatted by numerous people every year, and we are looking for individuals willing to fill each of these roles. If you or someone you know is interested in writing sets over a few chapters, please reach out to Grant Warnock at warnock.grant@gmail.com. If you are interested in formatting and/or editing these sets, you can reach out to Chase and Katrina Hill at trinadowdy27@gmail.com.

REGIONAL DATES:

NORTH CENTRAL	April 25, 2025 (Saturday April 26, 2025, if needed). New Life Church, Sparta, WI NC Regional Coordinator Joshua Abbott; Host District DBQC Don Batty
NORTHEAST	May 2-3, 2025 Bethel AG, Littlestown, PA

	NE Regional Coordinator Jesse Czubkowski; Host District DBQC Patty Blake
NORTHWEST	May 2-3, 2025 Location TBA NW Regional Coordinator & DBQC Kevin Gallo
SOUTH CENTRAL	May 2-3, 2025 Braeswood A/G, Houston, TX. SC Regional Coordinator & DBQC Steve Fowler
GREAT LAKES	May 10, 2025 Springhill Christian Church, Mooresville, IN GL Regional BQ Coordinator David Powell; Host District DBQC Roger Dutcher
SOUTHEAST	May 16-17, 2025 Oxford AG, Oxford, FL SE Regional BQ Coordinator Beth Barnes; Host District DBQC Pastor Amanda Hahn
SOUTHWEST	May 2-3, 2025 Location TBA SW Regional Coordinator Tara Sirvent

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.

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.

May 2, 2025 is the deadline for the Master Memorization Award along with the National Memorization Award and the Discipleships Award. *Each district can set an earlier deadline for*

their own district awards.

ACTS QUESTIONS FOR SALE

DISTRICT, REGIONAL and NATIONAL PRACTICE SETS

Danielle Mori is the official writer of these 12 District level sets; 8 Regional level sets and 5 sets of National final level. Cost is \$25.00 and is available through My Healthy Church Digital <https://digital.myhealthychurch.com>

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. 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). To order E-mail Karl at karltdawson@mac.com

GOLD CUP questions by Shreanna Powell are for sale. \$15.00 for 12 Gold sets over Acts 1-6 and 12 silver sets over Acts 1-4. District level difficulty. Lori Sullivan at safkids@gmail.com

BLUEGRASS CLASSIC questions for sale. 12 sets of Championship questions covering Acts 1-6 for \$15.00. Questions are hard district/easy regional level. Good for Contender as well. tbq.kentucky@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP CLASSIC questions are for sale. 17 sets of Championship questions, covering Acts 1-14. All for only \$15.00. Bernie Elliot at ElliotBQ@gmail.com

BQ TOURNAMENTS

Presidents Cup

February 1, 2025

Swedesboro, NJ

Contact: Jesse

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Razorback TBQ Invitational

February 22, 2025

McArthur AG, Jacksonville, AR
Championship, Contender and XP5
Divisions

Contact: James Stewart

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Smoky Mountain Invitational

Windy City Classic

Feb 28-Mar 1, 2025
Tri-Cities area, TN
Both JBQ & XP5 BQ
Contact: Dan Anderson
sejbqdan@gmail.com

Feb 28-Mar 1, 2025
Calvary Church, Naperville, IL
Contact: David Powell
wheatonpowells@yahoo.com

Emerald City Tournament

April 2025
Exact date TBA
Seattle, WA (Area)
Championship only
Richie Nelson: richiedn@gmail.com
253-232-9995

Jersey Shore Pre-Nats

June 6-7, 2025
Tinton Falls, NJ
All material covered
Contact: Jesse
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RESULTS FOR BQ TOURNAMENTS

The results for all BQ Tournaments can be found at <https://registration.biblequiz.com>

NATIONAL BQ FINALS

40 teams and a 1 on 1 Tournament for those Championship quizzers whose team does not make it. (Minimum of 5 quizzers)

June 28-July 4, 2025

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, [9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO, 63134](#), (314) 429-1100

Hotel for 1-4 in a room \$119.00. Free parking.

Ice Cream fellowship for everyone on Saturday night.

Thursday night fellowship.

Adult quizzing: National BQ Finals 2025:

Veteran Division: Acts chapters 1-3

Fun/Novice Division: Acts chapter 2.

Will also have the Adult Quoting Bee.

Facebook Group

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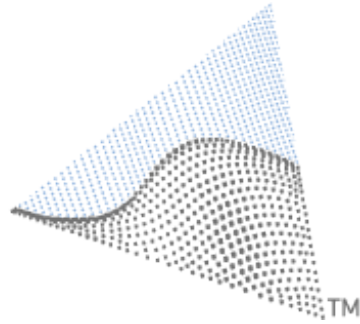
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