

# Bible Quiz Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2024**

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

1. Make practice fun so quizzers want to come. Be sure to include time for fun or getting to know the kids too, even if it's just 10 minutes. (If it's the first 10 minutes people might just come late so plan thoughtfully.)
2. Plan out memorizing for the whole season ahead of time so you can stay on track. Then give your quizzers exactly what to study each week. If they're younger/newer, that can even mean a day-by-day plan. Make your quizzers a study sheet with boxes to check off and bring back. Maybe even have an incentive for them to do it. I still do this with our top national teens. They need the accountability.

**Lori Sullivan, Coach and former quizzer  
Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX**

1. Learn what is required of each different question/answer type. Do this slowly, maybe just one introduction per week. First read the guidelines to clarify the rules and then use your question pro software to pull up 30 questions using that specific introduction. You will notice patterns and similar interruption points for questions with this introduction. Understanding the introductions is the key not only to answering the question, but also to interrupting well.
2. Give your quizzers specific assignments weekly and even daily to help them develop good study habits. Make assignments simple and achievable (1 to 2 new verses daily and review of verses learned the previous week) . Keep your quizzers accountable to their study schedule. Quality is better than quantity.

**Tammy Hoffmann, Coach and former quizzer  
Redeemer Church, Utica, NY**

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

1. Read through the verses you are going to memorize the next day three times before you go to sleep each night.
2. Make a schedule of what you want to memorize each day to meet your goals of memorizing the material for each League Meet.
3. Review, Review, Review!!!

**Entire BQ Team from Cedar Park AG, Bothell, WA  
Coaches Westin Haugo, Josi Haugo and Cicily Houser**

1. Set aside time every day to review and memorize more. 15 minutes every day is far better than a last-minute cram session the night before practice.
2. Invite your friends to quiz too! It's more fun with friends!
3. Take a book or a copy of your current chapter with you everywhere. 5 minutes here and there (driving, waiting in a line, stirring a pot for dinner, etc.) really adds up!
4. Put in the time and effort to memorize your verses good the first time. (And review it daily so you don't forget and then have to relearn them!!) And learn your references as you go. So much easier than learning them later!

**Lori Sullivan, Coach and former quizzer  
Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX**

1. Focus on memorization. (You only KNOW what you MEMORIZE.)
2. Make small goals. (Achieve enough small goals and you'll reach the big goal. Make a goal too big and you'll quit.)
3. Aim for consistency. (Discipleship is long term)

**Pastor Tim McDaniel, FL former quizzer  
Long-time leader and official in the BQ ministry.**

- I tell my first-year quizzers and new coaches that the 3 most important things are:
  1. Know the material
  2. Know the material
  3. Know the material
- The number 1 tool is the Scripture Portion and the number 2 tool is the quote cards. I don't shy away from the fact that memorization is the foundation of BQ. If the kids know the material, everything else will fall into place with time and experience.

**Pastor David Warnock, Central AG, Houston, PA  
Long time coach and league rep in both the JBQ & BQ  
ministry.**

1. Study every day at the same time, making it a part of your regular schedule. Say your verses out loud and study in short time periods (10-15 min.).
2. Study your material in different ways (quote it from beginning to end, practice chapter analysis, say it to someone else, write questions - including the introductions, use your Bible Quiz app to practice flashcards or play the quiz pro game).

**Tammy Hoffmann, Coach and former quizzer  
Redeemer Church, Utica, NY**

# 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
<b>MEET 1</b>	Acts 1-5 178 verses	Acts 1- 4 136 verses	Acts 2 47 verses
<b>MEET 2</b>	Acts 6-9 117 verses	Acts 5-7 117 verses	Acts 4 37 verses
<b>MEET 3</b>	Acts 10-13 155 verses	Acts 8-9:19 58 verses	Acts 5 42 verses
<b>MEET 4</b>	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)*

## 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 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## ***Georgia BQ Training***

September 7, 2024

Johns Creek, GA

Training for coaches & all levels of quizzers

Contact Doug Black [bqgeorgia@gmail.com](mailto:bqgeorgia@gmail.com)

678-767-2249

# BQ TOURNAMENTS

## ***40th Annual Gold Cup***

October 26, 2024

Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, Texas

Divisions: Gold, Silver, XP

Email Lori Sullivan [safkids@gmail.com](mailto:safkids@gmail.com)

## ***7th Annual Bluegrass Classic***

October 26, 2024

Lexington First Assembly, Lexington, KY

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP-5

Email [tbq.kentucky@gmail.com](mailto:tbq.kentucky@gmail.com) for more information!

***31st Gobblefest Bible Quiz Tournament***

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

November 22-23, 2024  
Championship; Contender; XP5  
University of Valley Forge, PA  
Contact: Bernie Elliot *ElliotBQ@gmail.com*  
412-999-9330

***40th Friendship Classic***

January 24-25, 2025  
Oxford AG, Oxford, FL  
Championship only  
Contact: Bernie Elliot *ElliotBQ@gmail.com*

***Windy City Classic***

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

January 10-11, 2025  
Sioux Falls First, Sioux Falls, SD  
Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5,  
Adult  
Contact: Don Batty *debatty00@gmail.com*  
608-566-6255

***Presidents Cup***

February 1, 2025  
Swedesboro, NJ  
Contact: Jesse  
Czubkowski *jesseczubkowski@gmail.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 Czubkowski *jesseczubkowski@gmail.com*

## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **Liberty Classic, Metuchen, NJ Sept 21, 2024, 16 teams**

**Congratulations to the follow teams:**

**Championship First Place:** CTI, Wayne, NJ—Average 183

**Contender First Place:** UECF, Westfield, NJ—Average 157

**XP5 First Place:** Fountain of Life Center, Burlington, NJ—Average 174

## Top 3 Quizzers Championship Division:

Quizzer	Average Points	Quiz Outs
Ian Horn   Utica, NY	122	7
Claire Cook   Utica, NY	114	6
Kelechi Oriaku   Wayne, NJ	92	6

## Top 3 Quizzers Contender Division:

Quizzer	Average Points	Quiz Outs
Chisom Joy Oriaku   Wayne, NJ	134	9
Ashriel Vellore   Westfield, NJ	116	8
Aiden Cook   East Hartford, CT	77	6

## Top 3 Quizzers XP5 Division:

Quizzer	Average Points	Quiz Outs
Kaitlyn Mwaniki   Burlington, NJ	96	7
Abhinav Gatala   Westfield, NJ	72	4
Nylah Vega   Burlington, NJ	66	5

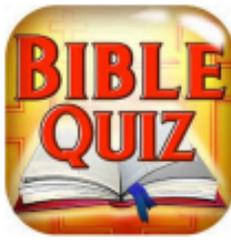
For complete team stats for both teams and individuals please go to: [Liberty Classic 2024 \(biblequiz.com\)](https://libertyclassic2024.biblequiz.com)

## ***Facebook Group***

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Quiz Ministry: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/agbiblequiz>

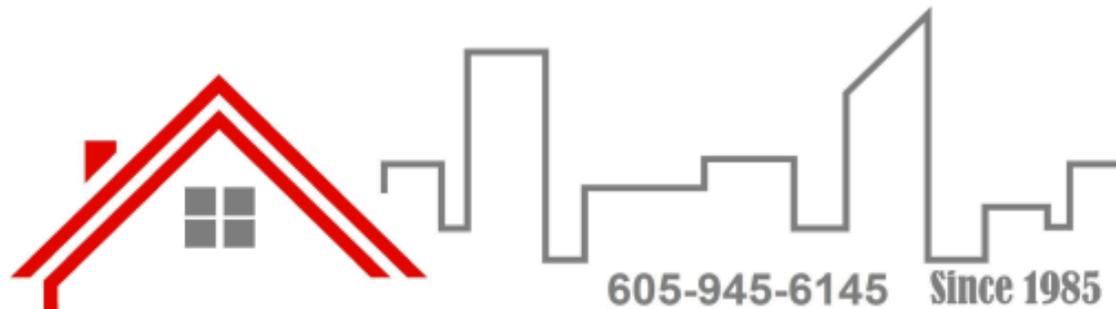




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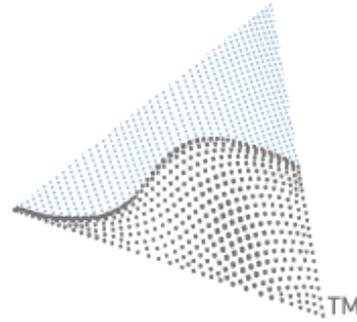
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