

GREETING - 2004 Tournament

Thank you for your interest in the Apostolic Crusaders' National Bible Quizzing Program. The National Tournament is held each year at our National Youth Convention during the week of Thanksgiving. The 2004 tournament will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Eligible teams should notify the National Director no later than October 15, 2004 in order to participate in the tournament. Please review our [National Bible Quiz Policy](#) (**Webmaster, please put link here**) if you have a team that would like to compete in this year's tournament.

CONTACT

After reviewing all of the resources on this site, you may forward any questions or comments to the National Bible Quiz Director, Rick Hilton, at 4627 East Post Oak Court, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana 70739. You may contact Rick Hilton by mobile phone at 225.278.2698 or at home at 225.261.8298.

NEW TEAMS

Any pastor or youth director desiring a local Bible quiz program should review the [General Information about Bible Quizzing](#) (**Webmaster, please put link here**) on this site. Then, contact your District Youth President or the National Bible Quiz Director for further instructions. Each year at National Youth Convention, a seminar will be given to explain how easy it is to have a successful Bible Quiz Ministry in your local church. As well, there will be a booth set up during the entire convention with helpful information. In certain areas, a seminar may be available for a church or group of churches wanting more information. Contact the National Director for seminar information.

National Bible Quiz Policy

I. OFFICIAL RULES

- A. All levels of Bible Quizzing shall be conducted according to the National Bible Quiz Policy, the Official Tournament Rules, and the Guidelines for Tournament Officials as found in the Bible Quiz Manual.
- B. Any changes in the National Bible Quiz Policy, the Official Tournament Rules, or the Guidelines for Tournament Official shall be made by the Bible Quiz Committee of the A.L.J.C.
- C. The scriptural material to be studied during each year's program is to be selected by the Bible Quiz committee of the A.L.J.C.

II. ELIGIBILITY OF QUIZZERS

- A. To be eligible to Bible quiz, one must be at least 12 years of age, but not older than 21, by June 1 of that quiz year.
- B. The quizzer must be in good standing and faithful in attendance to his/her local A.L.J.C. church to quiz at all levels.

III. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

- A. Any Apostolic Church shall be able to field a team, so long as they are accepted to do so, within the A.L.J.C.
- B. Quizzers on a team cannot be altered once they are registered for National Competition.
- C. A team must have at least two quizzers and not more than five registered for any tournament.

IV. ELIGIBILITY OF COACH

- A. Coaches must attend the local church from which the team is comprised.
- B. A Coach is not allowed to coach more than one team during the course of a given tournament.
- C. More than two coaches can be registered with the team. However, during the course of any given tournament, a team is only allowed one coach and one assistant coach, who both must be registered.
- D. Coaches for a team cannot be altered after the tournament begins, except in cases of extreme emergency or uncontrollable circumstances where special arrangements are made and approved by the Quiz Director, on either the District or National level, whichever the case may be.

V. DISTRICT FINALS COMPETITION

- A. All teams desiring to compete in district competition must register with the Bible Quizzing point of contact in the district. This will generally be the Youth President of the District. However, some districts may have a Bible Quizzing Coordinator.
- B. To register, a team must pay the required District Registration Fee and submit the names of all quizzers and coaches on the team. The Registration fee will vary, depending on your particular district.
- C. Competition on the district level will be arranged by the Youth President or the officially appointed coordinator in the district.
- D. Each respective district can allow non-A.L.J.C. churches to quiz in its district quizzes and District Finals Competition. This is dependent upon unanimous permission from the A.L.J.C. churches quizzing in said Finals. However, if a non-A.L.J.C. team is allowed to quiz in the district and happens to win the District Finals Competition, the non-A.L.J.C. team(s) is/are not allowed to compete at the National Tournament at National Youth Convention. In this scenario, the highest placing A.L.J.C. team(s) will represent the district at Nationals.

E. Should there be only one or two qualified teams desiring to compete in a district, both teams shall automatically represent their district at the National Competition. However, a two or three quiz tournament between these teams should be conducted to determine the first and second place teams.

F. It is strongly recommended that the District Youth Department provide financial assistance to the first and second place teams participating in the National Competition.

VI. NATIONAL COMPETITION

A. The National Bible Quiz Tournament shall be held annually at the National Youth Convention in November. The teams represented at this event must be A.L.J.C. teams (A.L.J.C. teams are defined as those teams with an A.L.J.C. pastor whose church is listed in the Annual A.L.J.C. Ministerial and Church Directory; or, in the case of a church joining the organization since the last printing of said directory, those found in the General Secretary's record of churches).

B. Each district can automatically have two A.L.J.C. teams represented at the National Tournament (if the District Finals Competition has at least 2 teams). These 2 teams will be composed of the first and second place teams of the District Finals Competition. More teams can represent the district depending on the number of teams competing at the District Finals Competition. An additional team can go to Nationals for every additional 5 teams at the District Finals Competition (after the first 2 teams). For example, a district with 7 teams competing at the District Finals Competition can have 3 teams go to Nationals; a district with 12 teams can have 4 teams go to Nationals; and so on.

C. All teams eligible to compete in the National Bible Quiz Tournament shall register with the National Bible Quiz Department no later than October 15. To register, a team must pay a registration fee in the amount of \$75 and submit the names of all Quizzers and Coaches on the team. It is the responsibility of the team to see that the registration form is properly filled out and sent into the Quiz Department.

D. The National Quiz Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the National Bible Quiz Tournament.

E. The National Quiz Coordinator shall be responsible for selecting the officials for the National Bible Quiz Tournament.

F. The Tournament shall be arranged for Double Elimination play.

G. Proper awards shall be presented to the first, second, and third place teams in the National Bible Quiz Tournament.

H. Any questionable judgment on an answer that would determine the outcome of a quiz should involve the National Quiz Coordinator. The National Quiz Coordinator would ask each team coach or captain what their stand was, then make the final decision to accept or deny the answer or throw out the question and replace it with a new one.

VII. QUIZ OFFICIALS

A. National Quiz Coordinator

1. The National Quiz Coordinator shall work in close harmony with the General Youth President.

2. The National Quiz Coordinator is responsible to coordinate and oversee the total quizzing program.

General Information about Bible Quizzing

WHAT IS BIBLE QUIZZING?

Bible Quizzing is a ministry successful in motivating young people to study and memorize the Word of God. In a world where so many other things are vying for their time and energy, Bible Quizzing equips young people with knowledge of the Word of God. Bible Quizzing is not only fun and challenging, but very rewarding as well.

Each year, a new text of study is announced at our National Youth Convention. Young people who wish to participate in the program begin studying the designated text with the guidance of a coach or coaches from their local assembly. In most instances, teams begin meeting regularly in their local assemblies after the first of the year. The coach will hold regular meetings for the purpose of motivation, inspiration, encouragement, group study, practice Bible quizzes, and planning strategies, goals, etc. Eventually, the best Bible quizzers will be chosen to make up the team(s). One of the long-range goals is to prepare a team for district competition, which may be held any time between May and October. District youth directors can provide further details about dates of competition, registration fees, etc.

Then, each year at National Youth Conference in November, the National Bible Quizzing Tournament is held. Each district sends its best two teams to represent their district in the double-elimination tournament. After competing, the top three teams and the All-Tournament team, comprised of the highest scoring individuals, are announced.

Young People have time to devote to **SOMETHING!**
Why not channel their efforts toward the Word of
God!

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WHY HAVE A BIBLE QUIZZING MINISTRY?

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1. Bible Quizzing is a **blessing** to any church.
2. It generates **excitement** and **enthusiasm** in youth groups.
3. It promotes **unity** amongst the saints as they observe their youth laboring toward a common goal -- victory for the "home team!!"

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4. It establishes young people in the truth and gives them a base from which to draw knowledge for **soul-winning** purposes.
5. Bible quizzers develop **good study habits** and **self-discipline** for a lifetime.
6. Bible quizzing helps to instill a **love for the truth** in our youth._ It reinforces the foundation of Apostolic doctrine.
7. Bible Quizzing is an excellent tool to teach time management.
8. Lives will be changed!_ You can't spend time in the Word without the Word getting into you!
"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to God's Word"

(Psalm 119:9).

HOW DO I START A BIBLE QUIZZING PROGRAM IN MY CHURCH?

1. Before actually initiating Bible Quizzing in your church, make sure your pastor is in total agreement with your intentions and that you have his full support. Obviously this should be preceded by prayer.
2. Count the cost in terms of your willingness to dedicate time and energy to this important work of God.
3. Begin planning, promoting, and advertising. Do SOMETHING to get your youth group "psyched-up" about Bible Quizzing! Extend the invitation to anyone between the ages of 12 and 40. (Quizzers must be at least 12 years of age, but not older than 40, by June 1 of that quiz year.) Though many quizzers will start out at the beginning of the quiz year, some may quit along the way, and eventually the team must be narrowed down to five (5) members, two (2) of which will be considered alternates. Each church is permitted to enter one or more teams in district competition. The minimum number of Bible quizzers on a team is two.
4. It is highly recommended that coaches obtain the "*Leaders Handbook: How to Have a Successful Bible Quiz Ministry*," by Rev. Marvin Walker. This is a must-have guide that can be ordered at a cost of \$3.00 from the following address:

General Youth Division
Pentecostal Publishing House
8855 Dunn Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042-2299

Quiz materials should be obtained before the first quiz session. Also available from the Pentecostal Publishing House are study guides (verses of study along with two study questions for every verse), manuals (official rules), cassette tapes of all the verses of study, verse cards (each verse of study on a separate flash card with the scripture reference on the reverse side), seminar audio and video tapes, concordances (alphabetical listing of key words in verses of study), score sheets, and buzzer

systems. Each of these items is beneficial in a different way. However, each quizzer needs a study guide, and at least one manual of rules should be ordered for the coach. The easiest way for the quizzer to absorb all the rules is through quiz practice. Please note that Part I (General Bible Quiz Policy) of the rules manual is not applicable to Apostolic Crusaders quizzing.

5. Contact Rick Hilton, the National Bible Quiz Director, to sign up your team for the new quiz year.

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6. Before your much publicized Bible Quizzing Kickoff, take a few minutes to excite and enthuse your congregation about Bible Quizzing. Some of the young people may "drag their feet," for whatever reason -- sometimes just because it's new -- or because it sounds like hard work -- or because they don't think they would be good at it. Solicit the help of parents, teachers, and leaders of the church to encourage as many young people as possible to participate. Then, before long, seemingly everyone will want to "jump, on the band wagon." You may even be surprised at who shows up to study God's Word! Many of the younger children will practically be "chomping at the bit," waiting until they are old enough.

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WHAT ROLE DOES OUR CHURCH PLAY IN BIBLE QUIZZING?

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1. The church must be the quiz team's best ally. The entire church needs to know there's a group of Bible quizzers who are studying and memorizing to "make the team" which will represent THEIR church in district competition, invitationals, and perhaps competition on the national level. In fact, the church should pray for the quizzers that they faint not. The demands on quizzers are quit rigorous at times, especially right before competition.

2. Having a Bible Quizzing ministry in your church **MUST COST YOU SOMETHING!** It must be given a place of prominence in the scope of church activities. If the church doesn't encourage, promote, and financially support the effort, it's not as likely to succeed. It's important to make studying the Word of God the "in" thing for young people to do.

3. As various plateaus are reached by the quiz team, it is beneficial to both the church and the team to acknowledge their successes.

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WHAT ABOUT THE ACTUAL QUIZ?

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1. Two opposing teams using an electronic buzzer system (soon to change to a new system of hand-held buzzers) are asked 20 questions (eight 10-pointers, nine 20-pointers, and three 30-pointers). The first quizzers responding to the buzzer is called upon to answer the question within 30 seconds. If, by chance, he/she answers incorrectly, his team loses one-half the point value of the question.

2. Presiding over each quiz is a quizmaster. There are also judges, scorekeepers, buzzer operators, timekeepers, team captains, tape operators, and coaches. Additionally, other factors determining the

outcome of each quiz are time-outs, fouls, interrupted questions, contests, elimination of quizzers, and bonus points. Needless to say, it is quite a challenging event, and the victory is well worth ANY AMOUNT OF STUDYING.

One great thing about Bible Quizzing is that **EVERYONE WINS! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LOSE.** The only losers are those who did not study as much as they could have. Even the losing team gets to keep all that they have learned and that's the greatest reward of all!

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MOTIVATION?__ SAY WHAT?__ A FEW SUGGESTIONS. . .

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1. Challenge quizzers to do their personal best.
 2. Set short-term as well as long-range goals and grant appropriate rewards.
 3. Give assignments and plot progress weekly. Discuss study strategy.

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4. Discuss ways to create study time by using little spaces of otherwise wasted time.
 5. Host an invitational tournament or set up a quiz meet with another team(s).
 6. Divide quizzers into mini-teams for an in-house double-elimination tournament. Have each team make up a fun name. Conduct quizzes; post the results; and have a pizza party at the final quiz of the tournament. Have prizes for the winners. Prepare certificates for the highest scorer, the most intense quizzier, the best quizzier at interrupting questions, the quizzier who has memorized the most verses, etc.

7. Plan a picnic or special event as a reward for memorization of a designated number of verses.
8. Reward with BQ Bucks (play money). Perhaps you could reward \$5 BQ Bucks for each new verse memorized and \$1 BQ Buck for each verse reviewed, etc. Then after a specified period of time, a Bonus BQ Bucks reward system could go into effect, culminating with quizzers earning actual money rewards, perhaps to help pay for their trip to camp meeting or NYC.
9. Be creative; make Bible Quizzing fun; constantly be on the lookout for a new idea or way to motivate young people to love the Word in a greater way.
10. Have a candy quiz or a penny quiz, rewarding each correct answer.

FOR COACHES ONLY. . .

1. ALWAYS ALWAYS do what you say you're going to do. _ Never promise what you can't deliver.
2. Be prepared and plan ahead. If the coach does his/her "homework," the quizzers will do theirs.
3. Be confident about what each young person can do, yet not closed-minded about areas which need improvement and encouragement.
4. Display self-confidence so the quizzers know they can trust and depend on you. They will sense if you are lackadaisical and unsure of yourself. No team will rise above the leadership of its coach.
5. Be on time to every quiz gathering. If young people are expected to make a total commitment to Bible Quizzing, they need to be able to expect their leader to make an equal or greater commitment.
6. Coaches are responsible for knowing the rules and teaching them to their quizzers. Play by the rules. Even practice by the rules. Thus, doing it right becomes natural, and your quizzers can more easily grasp the rules gradually.
7. Attitude may well determine the whole direction of your team. If the coach has a negative attitude and constantly sings a song of "doom and gloom," it will breed discouragement with the team. However, a coach with a positive attitude who encourages every effort, while not being satisfied with mediocrity or slothfulness, will produce a diligent, hard-working team.
8. Pray, pray, pray. Bible Quizzing is truly a ministry. It is such an exciting thing to think that with a small investment of effort, encouragement, and motivation, young people's lives can be changed drastically! And not only the young person, but the coach will benefit eternally. Daniel 12:3 promises that "they that turn many to righteousness" shall shine "as the stars forever and ever." The rewards are tremendous!

