



How to Guide **BIBLE QUIZ** *Equipping Competition*

Purpose

Whoever would think that teenagers would go crazy over learning Bible minutia? But they do! Bible Quizzing is not a magic formula, but if you use it effectively, you will see students thoroughly enjoy learning God's Word!

What is the key to this? Simple! Friendly competition! As Teams compete with each other throughout the series, the excitement builds in the Bible Quiz! Imagine students sitting literally on the edge of their chairs waiting for the next question! Imagine them jumping up to answer your quiz question even before you have finished asking it! Believe it or not, students who have been otherwise "unmoved", have actually gotten "into it" with the Bible Quiz competition! Of course, there will be those who would be unmoved by an atom bomb, but your group can take on a new enthusiasm when Bible Quizzing is introduced into the regular format!

Place and Times

1. Practice Quiz during Bible Study times each week.
2. Team Competition Quizzes during midweek youth worship.

Personnel in Charge

1. Quiz Master
2. Two Judges
3. Scorekeeper
4. Timer

Procedure

1. Practice Quizzing within teams: Practice Quizzes may take place each week during the small group Bible study time, and should take only about 10 minutes of the hour. We suggest competition between guys and girls within each team for best results! Girls field one to four contestants for the girls team, and the guys do the same. Eight quiz questions are usually asked. Teams will be seated facing each other at the front of the room. Students are encouraged to cheer their "side" on to victory. Points for the Practice Quizzes will accumulate during the study. The team (boys' or girls') who accumulates the most points during practice quizzes wins. Choose in advance what will be the prize to be awarded to the winning team at the end of the study series.

2. Team Competition in Midweek Youth Meeting: Teams may also compete for Championship points each week during the midweek youth service. Bible Quiz should usually be held near the beginning of the youth service.

If your teams are coed, consider using this approach to Quiz to ensure maximum preparedness by both male and female students: each coed team will select one boy *and* one girl for the Bible Quiz "Draft." The "Draft" will be held at the beginning of the hour to determine whether boys or girls will represent each team. In this manner, while each Team fields only one contestant, both boys and girls must be prepared! It heightens the involvement!

There should be much "to-do" made over contestants as they take their place at the front of the room. For example, Team Leaders and/or student Team Captains should give their contestants high-fives, rub-downs, etc., as appropriate. Team Captains should lead their teams to cheer wildly as the competition is announced! Eight quiz questions will be asked of the contestants (same rules apply as in practices).

3. Grand Finale: At the last session of this series, hold the final Bible Quiz! Announce the Grand Champion team at the conclusion!

Playing Rules

Contestants: Teams may field any team member they chose (member or guest) with the following restrictions:

1. No team may field a contestant twice in a row during a Practice Quiz unless members present (not including guests) have competed at least once.
2. No team may field the same contestant twice in a row in Youth Worship Bible Quiz.

Competition: Contestants will be seated before the Quiz Master in rows facing each other. When the Quiz Master asks the quiz question, contestants may stand to answer the question at any time during or after the question is asked, up to 10 seconds after the question is asked.

- a. If a contestant stands to answer before the question is completed, the Quiz Master will stop, and ask the contestant to finish the question and then answer it.
- b. If the contestant fails to finish the question properly, he may not attempt to answer it.
- c. If the contestant fails to properly answer the quiz question within ten seconds, the second person to stand may attempt to answer it. If the second contestant fails to properly answer the question, the third contestant to have stood may attempt to answer. Each contestant is given ten seconds to answer the question. If the answer is not properly answered by the third contestant, the Quiz Master should give the right answer and move on to the next question.

Points, Penalties, Prizes

1. Points:

One point is given to each team whose contestant properly answers a quiz question. Practice Quiz point accumulations should be kept by designated adults, while Youth Worship Bible Quiz accumulations should be kept by an Equipping Coordinator.

2. Penalties:

Two negative points assessed per incorrect answer.

3. Prizes:

The Championship Points during midweek Youth Worship are completely separate from any points accumulated in Bible Study practice quizzes. Separate awards should be given for these two separate competitions. Teams may choose a smaller award for their internal practice quizzes, whereas the Grand Champion should receive a nicer award. Following the Bible Quiz Finale, (which is the last quiz given during the midweek youth service) the Champion Quiz Team will be announced.