

DREAMING 2015

NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ VISION WEEKEND

The national Bible Quiz Steering Committee had an amazing weekend together October 17 & 18, discussing the plans for the future and dreaming about the Bible Quiz ministry. Nineteen people were present, including Rod Whitlock, who kicked off the bi-annual vision weekend of the Bible Quiz Steering Committee. Rod serves as Student Discipleship Director for national youth ministries of the Assemblies of God. He oversees Student Discipleship, Fine Arts and Bible Quiz. Rod has authored several resources and speaks across the nation in order to empower and equip individuals in their walk with Christ. Rod and his wife of 24 years, Kim, have four children; Lindsay, Bethany, Michael and Christopher, three of them being teenagers.

Numerous ideas were discussed to strategize and update Bible Quiz to a continually changing culture and to keep the ministry relevant to this present generation, while helping to fulfill the national youth ministry vision of reaching one million students for Jesus Christ by the year 2015. This God-given vision, called Dreaming 2015, should be the goal of every youth leader, Bible Quiz coach and church in America.

With the vision of Dreaming 2015...

We believe that our churches can eclipse one million youth adherents and have them grafted into God's Great Commission by the year 2015, the beginning of the 2nd Century of the Assemblies of God vision. The American church can be filled with youth who are disciplined followers of Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, anchored in memorization of the Word, forged in the character of Jesus Christ and championing the kingdom of God. The objective of the Assemblies of God national youth ministries is that these students become lifelong, productive members of the Church and its mission. With the favor of God upon the collaborative network of national, district and local leaders, Dreaming 2015 can become a reality.

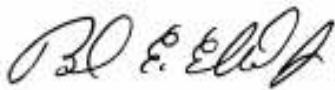
We need your help...

In many fronts of youth ministry we are simply trying to manage what we have. We need to grow a larger ministry with more people. We need to dig new wells. Thus, we must not close our minds to new methods and concepts. We should champion these upon solid biblical foundations of ministry and not limit them by cultural norms of familiarity. It is our responsibility as leaders within the local church to arm student believers with the weapons of spiritual victory. Prayer and the Word can once again characterize another generation of champions.

What you can do...

- Research the full vision of Dreaming 2015 at www.dreaming2015.com. Watch the video and hear national Youth Director Jay Mooney's vision for the year 2015.
- Read the Dreaming 2015 strategy document and develop a personal strategy for the participation of your Bible Quiz team in helping to fulfill this vision.
- Pray for the fulfillment of this dream—that God would indeed fill the Assemblies of God with *at least* one million students filled with the Spirit and memorizing the Word of God by the year 2015.
- Be a catalyst leader in your area. This vision cannot be accomplished without you!

Seek the Lord as you grab hold of this vision and report back as to what is happening in your area. We need your testimonies of how God is moving as you pray with your team, memorize the Word and spread the gospel to the world.



Bernie Elliot, Jr.
Assemblies of God National Bible Quiz Coordinator



Rod and Kim Whitlock, Student Discipleship
Look for the Whitlock family at your district events and introduce yourself; they would love to meet you! Each year Rod speaks at different churches and events all over the country.



HONORING THE ELLIOTS FOR 15 YEARS OF FULL-TIME MINISTRY

During the 2008 Vision Weekend with the national Bible Quiz Steering Committee, Pastor Bernie and Jeannie Elliot were honored for 15 years of full-time travel and ministry for Bible Quiz.

After pastoring for over ten years, in October of 1993 Pastor Bernie Elliot, Jr., felt the Lord calling him to resign his church and travel full-time, encouraging pastors, leaders, parents and students to become involved in the memorization of the Word of God through Bible Quiz. By faith, the Elliots stepped out, resigned as the youth and associate pastors at their church in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, and began fulfilling the call of the Lord and traveling as Bible Quiz missionaries.

Six years later, in 1999, Pastor Bernie became the national Bible Quiz coordinator for the Assemblies of God. He continues to travel full-time, promoting Bible Quiz, starting new teams, meeting wonderful friends around the country and instilling in others the vision that God has given him for the ministry of Bible Quiz. We love you, Pastor Bernie and Jeannie—thank you for 15 great years and many more to come!

NEW E-NEWSLETTER FOR QUIZZERS!

Have you ever wanted your quizzers to get information via e-mail just like you do? Now they can! A new quizzer e-newsletter is being developed by the Bible Quiz Alumni Association. Written for quizzers, by quizzers, the new newsletter will cover all sorts of issues that quizzers face today, such as teamwork, study tips, their relationship with God, balancing activities and so much more.

A preview of the October issue will be sent to all coaches on the Coach's Connection distribution list later this month. To subscribe to this newsletter, students can send the following information to agbiblequiz@gmail.com:

- 1) First and Last Name
- 2) Age
- 3) Grade
- 4) Church, City and State
- 5) District competing in (i.e., North Dakota, Penn-Del, South Texas, Rocky Mountain, etc.)
- 6) If they are in A, B, Novice or another League
- 7) First and Last Name and e-mail address of their coach

Students can also feel free to suggest names for the new newsletter, as well as articles or topics they would like to see covered. New issues will be coming every month!

CORINTHIANS CHAPTER SAMPLER: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Each year many coaches and quizzers benefit from the question sets and resources found on The Basic 5 CD ROM. If you did not already know, question sets are donated from quizzers, coaches, officials and alumni and are compiled into one product to make the Chapter Sampler for that season. What a great way to give back to the Bible Quiz community. Would you consider doing the same?

This year, the national Bible Quiz office is in need of question writers for the 2009-2010 Chapter Sampler for Corinthians. Question sets will be compiled from the Bible Quiz community across the country for this fantastic product. For Corinthians, the Chapter Sampler will have between 120 and 140 sets of donated questions for coaches and quizzers to use during their practice and individual study times. If you would be willing to donate two sets of questions for this product (about two hours of your time), please contact Chapter Sampler coordinator Katrina Martin at martinkn1@gmail.com. Chapter writing assignments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. After signing up you will receive more information concerning question formatting, a draft of the Corinthians portion, and a copyright release contract.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2008 Peach Classic

November 1, 2008
DaySpring Assembly of God, Rome, GA

Divisions: "A" and "B"/Novice
Writer: Jimmy Sedam

Material: Mark 1-7 (A); Mark 1-5 (B/Novice)

Registration: \$25 for teams registered with the Georgia district; \$45 for all other teams. \$5 from each team registration will go to the Bible Quiz Endowment Fund.

Please contact Doug Black at 770.606.0493 or dougbq@bellsouth.net for more information.

15th Annual Gobblefest Tournament

November 21-22, 2008
Valley Forge Christian College,
Phoenixville, PA

Divisions : "A" and Novice
Writers: Kent Kloefkorn (A); Brian Lewis (Novice)

Material: Mark 1-8 (A); Mark 1-6 (Novice)

Registration: \$65 per team

Please contact Pastor Bernie Elliot by phone at 412.469.3959 or e-mail elliottbq@aol.com for more information.

Missouri Classic

December 12-13, 2008
Central Assembly of God, Springfield, MO

Divisions: "A" and Novice
Writers: Joey Bohanon (A);
Richard Fair (Novice)

Material: Mark 1-10 (A); Mark 1-7 (Novice)

Registration: \$60 per team

Please contact Richard Fair by phone at 417.818.9753 or e-mail richardcfair@gmail.com for more information.

The Missouri Classic in Springfield, MO, and the Xtreme BQ Tournament in Owasso, OK, are new tournaments for the 2008-2009 season. For a complete listing of all of the tournaments for the Gospel of Mark, please visit www.biblequiz.com

QUESTION SET BREAKDOWN FOR MARK

Ever wonder how your question writer chooses what questions to put in each set that quizzers compete over at Leagues and Districts? Here are some general guidelines (not set rules) that your question writer will use when putting his question sets together for meets.

A-LEAGUE

MEET 1: There are 20 questions per match. On average there are two Quotation Questions (including Quotation Completion Questions). 75% of quotations will come from primary verses. On average there are two Chapter Analysis questions. Two Application Questions are also included.

MEETS 2-4: Sets will meet the criteria above, plus contain five questions over review material.

MEET 5 & DISTRICT FINALS: Overall review of all material. On average, two Quotation Questions (including Quotation Completion Questions) will be asked over any verse. No other restrictions on questions. No Application Questions.

NOVICE LEAGUE

MEET 1: There are 20 questions per match. On average there are two Quotation Questions (including Quotation Completion Questions). 100% of quotations will come from primary verses. On average there are two Chapter Analysis questions. Two Application Questions are also included, as well as five Verse-by-Verse questions (on the Basic 5 CD Rom).

MEETS 2-4: Sets will meet the criteria above, plus contain five questions over review material.

NOVICE MEET 5* & DISTRICT FINALS: Overall review of all material. average, two Quotation Questions (including Quotation Completion Questions) will be asked over primary verses only. No other restrictions on questions. No Application Questions.

* Note: Some districts have Semi-Finals or League Finals for their 5th meet.

MARK MEMORIZATION AWARDS & BIBLE SUNDAY

Get a head start and book your dates now to be able to quote in a service at your local church for the memorization awards. National Bible Sunday is December 14, 2008—the perfect day for your students to quote Scripture in front of your church congregation.

For the Book of Mark, all memorization award forms will be due on May 1, 2009. Again this year, acceptable quoting times include a Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or a Wednesday evening service. All quoting and other guideline requirements must be completed by May 1, 2009. There will be no exceptions for forms that are postmarked or faxed after the deadline. No extensions will be granted. (Please know that several applications for the 2008 memorization awards were denied for those who did not meet the award deadlines for quoting and/or form submission.)

Only the official National & Master Memorization Award form will be accepted. These forms must be postmarked or faxed no later than May 1, 2009. Forms and guidelines can be found at www.biblequiz.com. For more information and guidelines concerning the National or Master Memorization Award, go to www.biblequiz.com. Several colleges offer scholarship money for students who earn the memorization awards.

NOVICE APPLICATION QUESTIONS FOR LEAGUE #2

Novice Application Questions for League meet #2 will be a review of the chapters covered, plus six new questions will be added.

THE BIBLE QUIZ ENDOWMENT FUND & QUARTERS FOR QUIZZERS



Already, quizzers across the country are benefiting from the Bible Quiz endowment fund. Money continues to come in each month, helping to raise one million dollars for the purpose of providing scholarships for Bible quizzers. Each quizzer, full of the Word of God, will become a great leader in the profession that God calls him or her to be involved. The national Bible Quiz office challenges every church that has a Bible Quiz ministry to be involved in this project. Won't you be a part?

With the holidays approaching, it is the perfect time to give. Maybe your team would like to send an offering or do a fundraiser to promote this ministry. Maybe you and your family would like to send in a gift in the next few months. Or, maybe you have money in your Quarters For Quizzers bank that you have been collecting and it needs to be turned in. If so, your donations can be sent directly to:

AG Foundation—Bible Quiz Endowment Fund
1661 North Boonville Avenue, Suite D
Springfield, Missouri 65803

Please be sure to write "DAF9776" on the memo line of your check. 100% of donations go to the Endowment Fund and are tax deductible.

MOST COMMON MISTAKES MADE BY OFFICIALS

There are lots of coaching and officiating tips to be found at www.biblequiz.com. Here's just a sneak-peak of a few common mistakes made by Bible Quiz officials. To read the full list, or to view other topics, go to www.biblequiz.com.

Following your heart instead of the rules. No matter how good your intentions are some quizzer or team always ends up getting hurt by this. Here is an actual event that occurred. A cell phone rings right in the middle of an answer being given and the quizzer leaves out a key word in a give a complete answer. The Quizmaster calls the answer incorrect and since it was interrupted rereads to the other team. After that, the quizzer who was counted incorrect contested. He contested that he said every key word, but it was clear to all he had left out one major key word. After the contest and response, the judges discussed it for an unusual amount of time and then actually left the room to talk it over with the coordinator. When they returned they announced that the contest was accepted. The opposing team was shocked and appealed the decision. That appeal was denied. The match continued and the team that won that contest won the match on the last question. The coach of the losing team was curious what had occurred on that contest and found out that the judges had given the quizzer who had actually answered incorrectly a break. They ruled with their heart that since the quizzer didn't contest help or hindrance because of the cell phone that belonged to the opposing team they would give him the points even though he did not contest for help or hindrance. That sounds like the nice and admirable thing to do, doesn't it? Unfortunately the cell phone ring came from his own team and that's why he did not contest help or hindrance. There are many other examples that could be given for varied situations and rules. The bottom line is that no matter how you feel, the best way to judge is always by the letter of the rules. When you go out of your way to help one team you will always hurt another.

Quizmasters pausing for each punctuation mark in the question. The rules don't have anything to say about this. However, there is a difference in reading to yourself, out loud to others, or reading a Bible Quiz question. When a Quizmaster reads questions, consistency is what all quizzers want. It is hard to be consistent and pause for the punctuation marks in the question. Beside, the punctuation marks are there to help with emphasis. They are not there as pauses. We do have a consistency rule on page 6, under "Duties During a Match" #1 in the note: "It is important for the Quizmaster to read loudly and clearly and be consistent in his reading style." Across the board, every quizzer would rather have a non-pausing Quizmaster. Again there is no rule about this, but remember you are reading Bible Quiz questions, and you are reading for quizzers. It might not be correct grammar or the most comfortable thing to do, but Quizmasters need to learn how to read the questions without pausing. This will benefit the quizzers and it's the most consistent way to read Bible Quiz questions.

Not reviewing the rules before officiating. This is common sense and courtesy. Each time you plan on officiating at a Bible Quiz event you should review the rules. Purchase your own set of rules so that you can do this at home before the event. It's frustrating for quizzers who spend hundreds of hours studying and reviewing to be ruled incorrectly because of the lack of knowledge of the officials. The rules are much shorter and easier to review than ever before. Literally, a couple of hours should be enough time to read through and familiarize yourself with the rules.

2008-2009 Additional Question Sets

Karl Dawson Questions

100 sets now available for \$50 over the Gospel of Mark by Karl Dawson, former National Finals quizzier and coach and author of BQ Coach Blog. Sets are written to help "A" quizzers master material and to help Novice quizzers develop their skills. A new system was used this year to ensure sets are better organized. Set breakdown includes:

- 2 sets per chapter (32)
- 4 sets per "A" section (16)
- 4 sets per Novice section (16)
- 16 sets over Mark 1-10
- 20 sets over Mark 1-16

All proceeds go to help a new Bible Quiz ministry get started. To order, or for more information, details and samples, visit www.bqcoach.blogspot.com, www.agtbq.com or e-mail Karl at karltdawson@mac.com.

Kevin Dawson

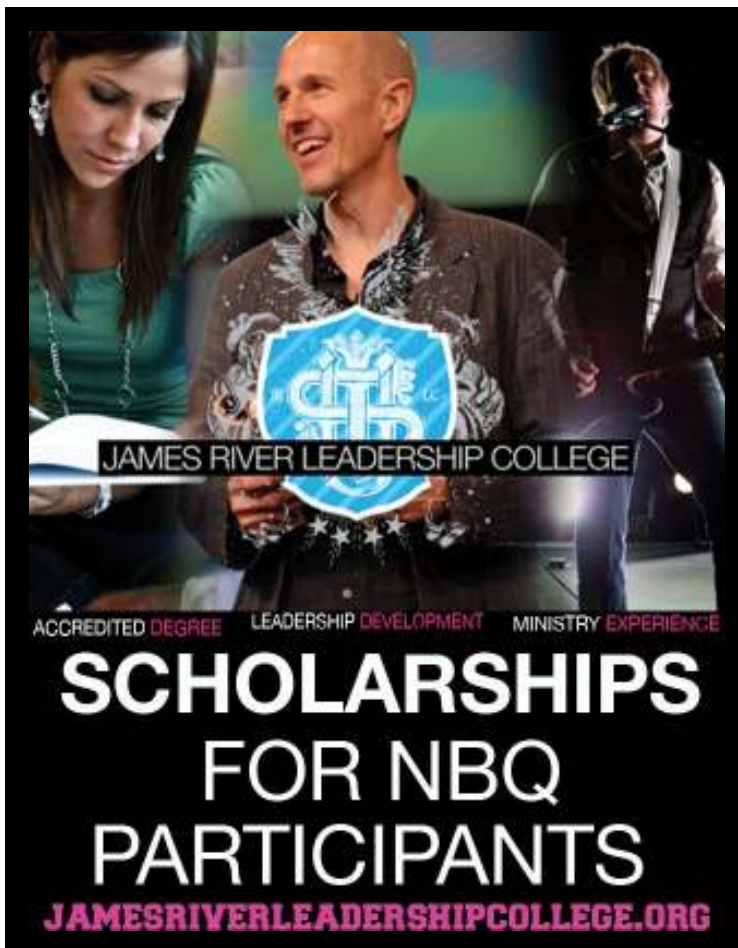
Kevin Dawson, former National Finals coach and quizzier with 20 years experience in Bible Quiz, has 100 sets of Mark questions for \$40. Practice sets contain two sets per chapter, five per league and 48 comprehensive, including 24 comprehensive sets focusing on concordance. Questions ship via e-mail and can be ordered online by credit card at www.agtbq.com. To pay by check please e-mail kevinraydawson@gmail.com. Kevin is also available to write for tournaments.

Richard Fair

Richard Fair has 60 sets of Mark questions available. Set breakdown includes:

- 1 set per chapter
- 8 sets covering the first four league breakdowns
- 3 sets written at League Finals level
- 3 sets written at District Finals level
- 3 sets written at Regional Finals level
- 3 sets written at National Finals level

The price for these sets is \$30. Please contact Richard at richardcfair@gmail.com or 417.818.9753.



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