

# Mentoring your quizzers

Few Christians dispute the wisdom and benefits of mentoring. Many a young person in today's church eagerly desires such a mentor, but they sometimes have difficulty finding someone older than them willing to step into that role. Why is this?

People who have thought about mentoring often feel unqualified, bewildered and fearful of over committing. But what's really involved? What does it take to be a mentor? Perfection? Formal training? Grandparenthood? No. A heart for God, knowledge of His Word, experience in life, and a love for people can all help qualify you for this job. As a coach, you will get to be a mentor to the amazing students entrusted to your care. So, don't worry about having to be perfect. Here are a few qualities that can help you as you strive for effective mentoring relationships.

## **Be Available**

You don't have to be a Bible scholar to mentor another, but you should love the God of the Bible and want to abide by His Word. You don't have to be a trained psychologist; being available with timely and godly advice can make the difference for the individual who is without an anchor. Students need the experience, endurance and example of older Christians. Who else will guide them? Christian parents? Definitely. The pastor? Maybe. Their friends? Sometimes. But you will have a special relationship as their coach. Be obedient and be available.

## **Be Purposeful**

What are your quizzers seeking from a relationship with you? A prayer partner, teacher, parent, etc.? Maybe your student needs a godly adult example because she didn't grow up in a Christian home and has no model to follow. Or maybe one student wants help in their personal prayer and devotion time with the Lord. Although the nature of the relationship will differ from student to student, pray about what you want to focus on with them as you travel together through the Book of Mark.

## **Be Creative**

Regular times and days suit the chronologically challenged, but there is always room for variation. If you can, be spontaneous with your students. Go out for Chinese, meet for breakfast, have a study session on the weekend; whatever time and place meets your needs, try to schedule it in. What activities can you share—walking, running, cooking, hiking—with a young person? Christian mentoring isn't about being intensely spiritual all the time, it's also about building relationships. And always remember—guys with guys and girls with girls during one-on-one time.

## **Be a Listener**

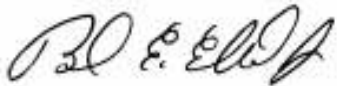
When you have managed to get together with your quizzer, try this: Listen. Let him open up. Don't feel compelled to dole out advice for every topic he might raise. Wait until he asks for your thoughts and advice before offering it. Be trustworthy. The person you mentor must be able to trust you implicitly and know that nothing they tell you will ever be taken any further. As a coach, your mentor/quizzer bond is a sacred relationship.

## **Be Real**

When it is time to do the talking, remember that honesty makes you vulnerable. We are all sinners saved by grace, continuing to be transformed into the image of Christ. And none of us is finished yet! So don't be afraid to be genuine and reveal your weaknesses. In Christian mentoring, the grace of God gets the job done through us (and sometimes in spite of us).

## **Be an Example**

"Do as I say, not as I do," is as infamous in mentoring as it is in parenting. Mentors must show their trustworthiness, demonstrate their love for God, and actually pray when they say they will. Words alone are empty. Be like Paul, who encouraged the Corinthian church to do as he did: "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you" (1 Cor. 11:1,2). It will look different in each relationship, but coaches must find ways to encourage and develop godliness in their quizzers. Challenge your quizzer in different areas in his life, encourage him to step out in faith and wisdom, gleaned from you and others, and to trust the Lord for everything. The lasting fruit of your time together will be evident in your quizzer's life for years to come.



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Text derived from the article "How Christian Women Can Mentor and Be Mentored" by Kelley Matthews at <http://www.crosswalk.com/1409871>.



## PASTOR BERNIE and BQAA NOW ON FACEBOOK

Want to stay connected with all that is happening in the Bible Quiz world? Two new opportunities are now available. If you or your quizzers have a facebook page ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) you can now add Pastor Bernie as your friend. Keep up with him as he travels the country starting new teams, preaches at churches and retreats, works in the office, and lives life with his family. He might even mention the Steelers once or twice!

Former quizzers can also join the new Assemblies of God Bible Quiz Alumni Association (BQAA), a place to reunite with old friends, dream about the future of Bible Quiz, network with others, and minister to the Bible Quiz community around the country. Alumni can post on message boards, insert fun photos and video of the time period that they quizzed, and find people they never imaged they would connect with again. Alumni on the BQAA site will also receive special messages for ongoing ministry opportunities in which alumni in every walk of life can be a part.



If you do not have a facebook, but would like to join the groups above, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to register.

## 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 a minimum of two sets of questions for this product, please contact Chapter Sampler coordinator Katrina Martin at [martinkn1@gmail.com](mailto: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. All sets and contracts are due to Katrina by November 1, 2008.

## FALL TOURNAMENTS



Mark your calendars:

### 23rd Annual Michiana Tournament

October 25, 2008  
Calvary Assembly of God, Elkhart, IN

- Divisions: Five divisions with 12 teams in each.  
The brackets are as follows:
- Championship (national and regional-level "A" teams)
  - Challenger ("A" teams)
  - Crusaders (experienced "Novice" teams; 6-8 grade)
  - Contenders (1st year "Novice" teams; 6-8 grade)
  - Competitors ("B-League" teams; 7-12 grade)

Material: Mark 1-6 (Championship and Challenger);  
Mark 1-5 for all other brackets

Registration: \$60 per team

Please contact John Hunter (11667 Melridge Drive, Middlebury, IN 46540) at 574.825.7338 after 6:00 pm or at [indianatbq@hotmail.com](mailto:indianatbq@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Gold Cup Tournament

October 24-25 2008  
Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX

Divisions: Gold, Silver and Novice

Writer: John Sullivan

Registration: \$65 per team  
\$5 per quizzer for One-on-One

Please contact Misty Flowers at [mflowers@trinitychurch.org](mailto:mflowers@trinitychurch.org) or 972.291.2501 ext. 1152.

### 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](mailto:dougbq@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## CHECK OUT [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com) FOR NEW AND UPDATED INFORMATION

There is so much new happening in the world of Bible Quiz and we hope that you will check out the resources at [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com). Nine training opportunities and retreats are available for your team this year, as well as 16 tournaments held across the nation. These training opportunities and tournaments will allow your kids to sharpen their skills while connecting with other students across the country who are as passionate about the Lord and His Word as they are. At [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com) you can also view updates on coaching tips, review Mark question formats from the official writer, print off National and Master Memorization guidelines and forms, and keep up with upcoming news, events and resources that will be available in the future. Staying well connected can help ensure that you and your team will have a fantastic year in Bible Quiz.

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## NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The National Advisory Committee will be meeting in October to seek God's direction for the Bible Quiz ministry. One of the subjects of the meeting will be how to grow the ministry of Bible Quiz. Everything is on the table. The NAC is asking that the entire BQ community of coaches, quizzers and officials give their input. This can be about anything from how we structure the ministry, to how we promote, to what color the books are (if that is an issue for you). There have been some interesting ideas kicked around on the forum recently. Will they happen? We don't know, but they definitely will be discussed.

Doug Black is already coordinating the response from the forum. Feel free to send your thoughts directly to him by e-mail at [dougbq@bellsouth.net](mailto:dougbq@bellsouth.net). All responses will be compiled and brought before the committee. Responses should be sent to Doug by the end of September to have in time for the October meeting. Thanks in advance for all of your help. We are excited about your ideas!

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## MARK DISCIPLESHIP AWARD

Have your quizzers started on their discipleship award? Coach Jason Martin of Crossway, Valencia, PA, says: "One of the goals for our church's Bible Quiz ministry this year is that everyone receive the Discipleship Award. When it came to the first application point on the Holy Spirit, I thought, 'Wow, why not start with a little easier, less intense application?' I have several new quizzers, two of which happen to be fairly new Christians. I was worried about how reading through the papers on the Holy Spirit would go over. During practice, we read through some of the papers and each student was required to finish the reading for the next practice. The positive feedback was abundant. Students that had been Christians for some time, as well as those who were brand new Christians, asked question after question. We heard things like 'Well that makes sense,' 'I never thought about that' and 'How do I explain to my mom that speaking in tongues is something that still happens?' One quizzer in particular commented on how she thought that Bible Quiz practice was going to be a boring thing, but she was glad that there was something like this thrown in. I believe that the Discipleship Award is a great way to get all quizzers—no matter what their experience or ability—to apply Bible Quiz in a relevant way to their life."

The Mark Discipleship Award points and applications can be found in the Mark Study Guide. All Mark Discipleship Award forms and application points must be postmarked by April 9, 2008. **Coaches:** Make sure that your students have fulfilled all requirements. Several application points ask that items be sent to the national Bible Quiz office. The national office will verify that application points have been completed. No exceptions will be made for items not received. If you have any questions, please contact the national Bible Quiz office at 417.862.2781 or [bq@ag.org](mailto:bq@ag.org).

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## 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](http://www.biblequiz.com). For more information and guidelines concerning the National or Master Memorization Award, go to [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com). Several colleges offer scholarship money for students who earn the memorization awards.

## 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.

**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 BREAKDOWN AND INFORMATION

Some districts have already started quizzing and are excited about the Book of Mark. New products are developed and people across the country are excited to memorize a new book of God's Word. For tips on from coaches around the country, check out Coaching Tips at [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com). For a complete description on each of the products go to [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com). The breakdown of material for competition will be:

### A-League

Meet #1	Chapters 1-5	192 verses
Meet #2	Chapters 6-9	178 verses
Meet #3	Chapters 10-12	128 verses
Meet #4	Chapters 13-16	175 verses
Total:		673 verses

### Novice League

Meet #1	Chapters 1-4	149 verses
Meet #2	Chapters 5-6	99 verses
Meet #3	Chapters 7-8	74 verses
Meet #4	Chapters 9-10	100 verses
Total:		422 verses



## MARK CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

Thanks to everyone who caught the mistakes and sent the corrections to the office. Please note the following corrections for the 2008-2009 season over the Gospel of Mark:

### Chapter Analysis

Mark Chapter 1: Section Title "Jesus Drives out and Evil Spirit" should read "Jesus Drives out an Evil Spirit"

Mark Chapter 2: Individuals, Abiathar 16 should read 26

### Application Questions

- 1) The last question on page 4 should read "What did Jesus mean..."
- 2) Page 5 # 4—simply delete the word "Statement." Should be just "Application Question."
- 3) Page 5 # 6—the word "follow" in the answer should read "follower."

### Coach Pro CD ROM

When you click on the Chapter Test, Galatians chapter 2 will appear rather than Mark chapter 2. Just run the Update Manager; there should be an icon on your desktop that says "2008 Mark Update Manager." When you run it, the file called ChapterTests.bq-ques should be listed with a checkmark beside it. Then just click the "Download" button. If you have the GEPCP files still on your computer, you may have to delete them in order for the Mark CDs to work properly.

### Bible Quiz Rule Book

During Mark the Bible Quiz Rule Book will no longer be for sale but is now available in a downloadable version. The electronic version of the rule book is now available at [www.biblequiz.com](http://www.biblequiz.com) under the "News" section.

## 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](http://www.bqcoach.blogspot.com), [www.agtbq.com](http://www.agtbq.com) or e-mail Karl at [karltdawson@mac.com](mailto: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](http://www.agtbq.com). To pay by check please e-mail [kevinraydawson@gmail.com](mailto:kevinraydawson@gmail.com). Kevin is also available to write for tournaments.

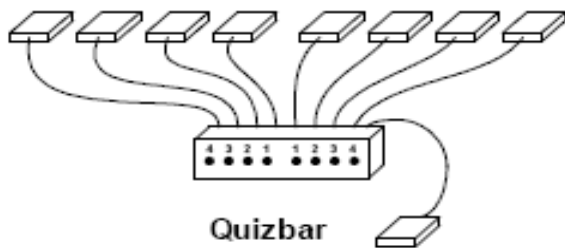
### Richard Fair

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

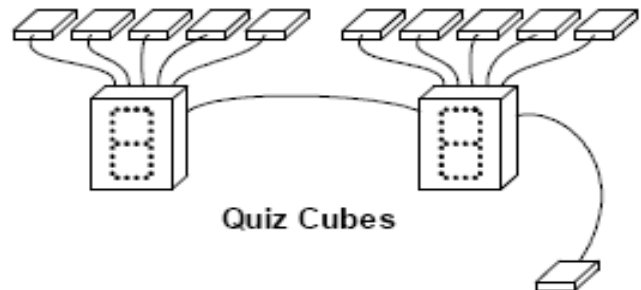
- 1 set per chapter
- 8 sets covering the first four league breakdowns
- 3 sets written at League Finals level
- 3 sets written at District Finals level
- 3 sets written at Regional Finals level
- 3 sets written at National Finals level

The price for these sets is \$30. Please contact Richard at [richardcfair@gmail.com](mailto:richardcfair@gmail.com) or 417.818.9753.

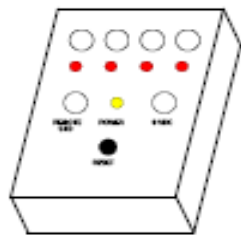
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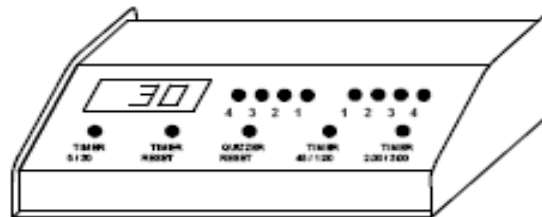
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