

# BIBLE BOWL

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**PURPOSE:** To challenge students to achieve an in-depth knowledge of God's Word.

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## PROCESS:

### Each participant (or church coordinator) will:

- Be certain that participants are registered for this event. (This also means "registered as teams".) This must be completed by the registration deadline. (The local church coordinator can help with this.)
- Provide one adult scorer for each participating Bible Bowl team from each congregation. (The local church coordinator can help with this.)
- **Report to the Bible Bowl Check-In table** as soon as possible upon arrival at the convention, to place un-teamed players, modify team make-up or to complete your teams.

### The Event Coordinator will:

- Assume total responsibility for the Mid-West LTC Bible Bowl events, grades 3-6 and 7-12 (junior & senior levels), and be certain that the room setup is adequate.
  - Acquire the "Study Guide" and make available to all participating teams.
  - Acquire questions from LTC developed from the New International Version of the Bible (1984).
  - Conduct an evaluators meeting before the event.
  - Make all final decisions of the meet (such as disputed answers).
  - Report results to the Awards Committee.
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## BEFORE THE EVENT:

### Participant / Team Eligibility & Registration

- There are two levels in this event: Junior Level (grades 3-6) and Senior Level (grades 7-12). A team's grade level is based on the grade level of the **oldest** team member. (Each level has its own set of Bible Bowl questions. It is reasonable to assume that "Senior Level" questions are more difficult than "Junior Level".)
- *Junior Level & Senior Level:* Junior Level is for students in grades 3-6 only. Any team that includes a student in grades 7-12 must participate in the Senior Level session. (This may mean that some students in grades 3-6 will be in the Senior Level session.)
- *Individuals & Teams:* All participants are eligible to receive an individual award, based on their individual results. Students are also encouraged to participate as teams, which simply means being eligible to receive an award based on the combined score of a 3- or 4-member team. (Please note that 3-member teams have a slightly more stringent grading scale.)
- *Team Registration:* To be eligible for participation, each Bible Bowl team must be registered as a team by the registration deadline. (Every effort will be made to place un-teamed students onto a team so they can be eligible for a team award.) A student may be on only one team during a convention. Teams may have only 3 or 4 members. Any changes in the team make-up differing from registration data must be registered at the Bible Bowl registration table no later than Friday evening at the convention.
- *Adult volunteer:* An adult scorer must be provided for each team enrolled in Bible Bowl, by the congregation of that team. (At the start of the event, the scorer will be assigned to score for a team from another congregation.)

### Subject of Study

- The subject of study for the Bible Bowl will be the book or other relevant passages for the current year's theme.
- The content of all questions will be taken from the text, including footnotes, of the New International Version of the Bible, 1984 edition. Any information in the text may be asked, and some of the questions may require knowledge of more than one verse.

### Study Guide

- The Bible Bowl Study Guide will be available on the MWLTC web site.
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## DURING THE EVENT

### Bible Bowl Questions

- There are three rounds, a total of 100 questions. Separate sets of questions will be used for the Junior Level (grades 3-6) and Senior Level (grades 7-12)

- All questions will be objective, calling for specific facts, order of events, or chapter locations. No question will call for interpretation.

### **Event Format**

- The same students must participate together through all three rounds; and no substitutions may be allowed once the event has started.
- Any student not present at the scheduled start time cannot participate.
- Students may not have any materials with them during an event.
- Any team member who discontinues their play, for any reason, must leave the team area.
- All three rounds will follow the same format:
  - a. Teams will sit at tables arranged in the front of the room or in chairs arranged in groups of four or three, depending upon the number of participants on each team. The audience will be seated in the back of the room.
  - b. Team members will sit in a single row with their backs to the audience, facing their scorer. Each player will have a three-inch cube with letters A-E, mounted on the various sides. The cubes will be random in their letter arrangement.
  - c. A scorer will sit in front of each team, facing the team and the audience. A scorer **may not** score his or her own congregation.

### **Conducting the Event**

- Each team, accompanied by the adult scorer, should report to the event area 10 minutes before the beginning of the first round and 10 minutes before each of the remainder rounds. All participants will participate in all three rounds, consisting of a total of 100 questions.
- To participate in any round, each team must have:
  - a. An adult scorer
  - b. A completed Team Event Participation List

**NOTE:** Any team without these requirements may not be allowed to participate.

- Each question and the five possible answers will be projected for viewing, and will be read aloud one time only. A scripture reference will accompany each question. The Quizmaster will read the question, scripture reference and all the possible answers.
- After the reading of each question and all five possible answers, a bell will sound. Each player will have five seconds to display the correct letter answer to the scorer. A second bell will be sounded, indicating that five seconds have passed. No cubes should be moved before the first bell is rung or after the second bell is rung.
- No facial expressions or gestures should be noticeable during the reading.
- The scorer will accept no answers after the second bell (five seconds).
- After the second bell, the Quizmaster will give the correct answer verbally.
- As the correct answer is announced, the scorer will record each individual's answer on the provided score sheet. The recorded answer should reflect the letter shown on each player's cube.
- The scorer will tally the team's combined score on that question. Each team scores one point for each player who answers a question correctly.
- No bonus points are awarded for any reason.
- After all scores are recorded and displayed to the teams, the Quizmaster will ask the next question.
- If the Quizmaster or any scorer hears an answer spoken by anyone in the room, credit will be given to each participant for that question.

### **Protests**

- All protests will be lodged with the Quizmaster after the round is completed.
- Protests will be received only from the adult team coaches.
- Protests must be made immediately after the Round in question. After the Quizmaster closes the round, no protest will be considered.

### **Scoring & Awards**

- *Team Score:* The team score is determined by the accumulative score of all three rounds for all team members. If the team score is eligible for a medal, every member will receive a medal.

- *Individual Score:* The accumulated scores for all three rounds (100 questions) will determine each participant's Bible Bowl Award.

**Rules for Spectators**

- Spectators are not allowed to enter or leave the room, once a round of the event is in progress.
- Spectators are not allowed to speak during the event.

**AWARDS:**

It is possible for a student to earn two awards for this event: one for team performance, one for individual performance.

**Team Awards**

- A team score will be tallied by accumulating the scores for each student on the team for each round. One point is given for each correct answer. If a team earns a gold, silver or bronze, each team member gets a medal.

<b>4-member teams</b>	Gold = 360 to 400	Silver = 313 to 359	Bronze = 280 to 312	Participant = 279 & less
<b>3-member teams</b>	Gold = 276 to 300	Silver = 240 to 275	Bronze = 215 to 239	Participant = 214 & less

**Individual Awards**

- Any participant unable to be identified with a team may participate in the complete 100-question tournament. They will not be awarded a team award, but will receive an individual award and get to experience the complete Bible Bowl. Every possible effort will be made to assign each participant to a team.
- An award will be given to all participants who earn a gold, silver, or bronze.

Gold = 90 to 100      Silver = 80 to 89      Bronze = 62 to 79      Participant = 61 & less