

## BIBLE BOWL

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### PURPOSE

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

### PROCESS

Each participating group/team will:

- Read and understand rules for current year.
- Enroll four-member teams in grade level of highest-grade member.
- Enroll one adult Coach and one adult Scorekeeper (use Judges enrollment form) for each Bible Bowl team registered, regardless of team size. If a team fails to register both a coach and a scorekeeper, the team must sacrifice its coach who must function as a scorekeeper.
- **Mail completed "Team Form" to Orinda Weiss with registration forms.**
- **Submit all changes to the Bible Bowl Coordinator by March 15, 2018. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES ALLOWED AT THE CONVENTION.**

The Event Coordinator will:

- Develop questions from the Book of 1 Samuel, based on the 2011 edition of the New International Version.
- Make all final judgments for the event.
- Conduct the coaches and scorekeepers meeting on Friday, **March 30, 2018** at 3:00p.m.
- **Deliver completed Team and Scoring Forms to the Tally Room.**

### TEAMS

1. Teams are composed of young men and women in grades 3-12. Each congregation may enter as many teams as desired. The grade categories are:
  - Grades 3-5
  - Grades 6-8
  - Grades 9-12
2. A player may be a member of only one team during the event. A player may participate in a grade category above his own but may not participate in a lower grade category.
3. A team consists of four (4) players. It is the Church Coordinators' responsibility to see that their participants have a full team. Teams will be awarded as registered. If 4 or more participants are registered in a category, you must make a full team, then create a less than 4 team. Less than 4 teams may be asked to share a table with another less than 4 team; but will be scored separately as the team is registered.



4. Teams with less than 4 people will be given the “ghost” score for each of the empty team spots. The ghost score is an average score from every participant in the category.
5. No alternates will be allowed.
6. To be eligible for participation, each Bible Bowl team must be officially enrolled with LTC. A completed “Team Form” must also be sent to the registrar **Orinda Weiss with registration**. Enrollment must accurately identify the **number** of teams entered in each grade category. **THERE WILL BE NO TEAM ASSIGNMENT CHANGES OR NAME CHANGES ALLOWED AT THE CONVENTION**
7. All teams will participate throughout all four (4) rounds of the event consisting of four rounds on Friday evening. Each round will be 30-45 minutes in length with a break at the end of each ten questions. There will be a dinner break between rounds two and three (see schedule). This year, dinner will be provided for participants.
8. Time schedule and breaks will strictly be adhered to. No one will be allowed to enter or exit the room once the round has begun. **LATE ENTRY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. IF YOU ARE LATE UPON RETURNING FROM A BREAK, YOU WILL FORFEIT THAT ROUND.**

## QUESTIONS

1. The subject of study in the **2018** Bible Bowl will be the book of 1 Samuel.
2. All questions will only cover textual facts from the 2011 New International Version. There will be no questions on interpretation.
3. There will be 25 questions with multiple-choice answers per round with three possible answers per question (i.e. A, B, or C).
4. All questions, followed by multiple-choice answers, will be stated **two times only**. (No exceptions!)

## POINTS

1. Each team member will have the opportunity to score points for their team on each question. EACH correct answer will be worth 10 points.
2. Awards will be based on the most cumulative points earned in all rounds.

## ANSWER SYSTEM

1. Each team member will have an “Answer Box” to privately show the answer. The letters A, B, and C will be on prepared cards and attached inside the answer box. These cards will be used to show the answers. See drawing of Answer Box at the end of these rules.
2. The answer boxes (or “dog” houses) are provided at the convention. Instructions follow for how to make these for your practice purposes.
3. Again, all questions and multiple-choice answers will be read two times and then each player will have two seconds to think and prepare to respond.
4. When the Reader calls for the answer, all answers will immediately be revealed and ALL at the same time. If any team member REVEALS AN ANSWER BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, NO SCORE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM ON THAT QUESTION.
5. If a team member is not ready when “time” is called, NO SCORE FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL will be given for that question.
6. There will be no requests for a third reading of the questions, multiple choice answers, or scripture reference. **Come prepared for only TWO READINGS!**

## OFFICIALS

1. **Reader:** Assigned by the Event Coordinator. Asks the questions and keeps track of time. The Event Coordinator has the final ruling over any disputed questions or any other matter of dispute during play.
2. **Scorekeeper:** Is responsible for tabulating the progressive score of one team throughout the round. The scorekeeper will keep all players aware of the score throughout each round.

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**NOTE:** Each group MUST bring one (1) scorekeeper per team registered. \*

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## GENERAL

1. A coach may challenge the validity of any question **but only during the break after each round.**
2. If a question is found to be invalid by the Event Coordinator, that question will be discarded and the points for it will be given to all teams.
3. Spectators are not allowed to enter or leave the room while questions are being asked. Please enter or leave the event during the allotted break times.
4. There will be no talking by players or spectators while the event is in progress.
5. Doors will be closed at the scheduled start of any round. Teams or team members not inside will forfeit that round. Be sure your team is not late!

*Our desire is to promote Christ over competition. As in everything we do, please uphold the attitudes and decorum, which reflects the nature of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## EXPLANATION OF AWARDS

Scoring for awards is based upon a point spread as in all other events. Each team and individual member will accumulate points based on their answers. At the completion of all rounds, totals are assessed for a final individual score. Team points are determined by adding together the totals of the four teammates.

In each grade category there are:

- Three Team Ratings:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze  
**Four Top Scoring Teams:** First, Second, Third, and Fourth  
**Four Individual High Scorers:** First, Second, Third, and Fourth

## BREAKDOWN OF AWARDS

### Team Awards:

- **Team Awards:** A team plaque and individual ribbons will be presented to:
  - **Grades 3-5:** Second, Third, and Fourth place teams
  - **Grades 6-8:** Second, Third, and Fourth place teams
  - **Grades 9-12:** Second, Third, and Fourth place teams
- **First Place Team Awards:** A team plaque and individual trophies will be presented to:
  - **Grades 3-5:** Members of the First place team
  - **Grades 6-8:** Members of the First-place team
  - **Grades 9-12:** Members of the First-place team

### Individual Awards:

- **Trophies** will be awarded to:
  - **Grades 3-5:** First, Second, Third, and Fourth place high scorer
  - **Grades 6-8:** First, Second, Third, and Fourth place high scorer
  - **Grades 9-12:** First, Second, Third, and Fourth place high scorer
- Participants achieving a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Rating will receive an appropriate colored engraved plate for the individual's award plaque.

## ANSWER BOX DESIGN

The Answer Box is made from a standard sheet (22x28) of white poster-board. Cut the poster board into two equal halves lengthwise. This leaves two pieces 11x28. Cut one of the 11x28 pieces into two equal halves crosswise. This leaves two pieces 11x14 and one-piece 11x28. Using one 11x14 piece, cut three 11x3 strips. Cut these strips into 10, 8, and 6-inch lengths. Mark one-inch capital letters A, B, and C, respectively, at the top front and top back of strips. (See diagram.) Stack the C, B, and A strips as shown. Staple all three once flush at the bottom. Mark the center of the remaining 11x14 on the 14-inch sides. Center the strips on these markings, flush with the top edge and the bottom of the strips in from the lower edge about once inch. Staple in place at bottom edge of strips. On the 11x28 piece, fold each end in one inch along the 11-inch side. Staple the 11x14 piece under the 11x28 piece along the fold on one 11-inch side. Bow the larger sheet to the smaller sheet and punch four equally spaced holes through both the 11x14 and 11x28 pieces along the 11-inch side and use brads to hold the two together. Brads make it easier to disassemble the box for storage. The box is now ready for use!

**Answer boxes are provided at the convention.**

