

# COACH'S NEWSLETTER

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## ADVICE TO A NEW COACH

1. **Motivate students to memorize:** Getting students to commit and completely memorize what is being studied is the best way to help students learn and grow in their quizzing skills. As students who have memorized compete, they will grow in confidence and ability to answer and even interrupt questions. Walls of intimidation will be broken down and the 'fun factor' will increase exponentially.
2. **Learn about Introductory Remarks:** Introductory Remarks are your friend. Even though they can sound like a foreign language to those who have never heard them, they are a guide. Every introductory remark is a clue to help guide quizzers in completing questions that are interrupted. Learn what they mean and help your quizzers understand them.
3. **Make Great Memories:** Find ways to be creative and make some great memories! Going to tournaments, having activities outside of practice, fellowshiping with other teams...the sky's the limit on the creative ways you can make positive memories together. Long after the quiz season is over, students will remember the social times together outside of quizzing as fundamental to their overall experience. Create some great memories and enjoy each other!
4. **Keep the Big Picture:** Competition is only one aspect of this great ministry and it can lead us astray because it's temporal. Competition will bring out what's inside of a person...and sometimes it can be ugly...which then provides opportunity to grow the fruits of the Spirit in a person's life. The discipleship opportunities that exist within this great ministry is the big-picture because that is what is eternal. It is important that students and coaches not only memorize the Word but also apply it to their lives. It needs to go from their head to their heart and that can be a difficult journey, for any age group. That is where the job of coach becomes even more vital. Make a difference for eternity!

*Pastor Lorna Albanese, Evangel Heights A/G, Sarver, PA*

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I have been involved with Bible Quiz for many years, however at the end of each season I am still amazed that the quizzers have memorized so much. People who ask about quiz always comment about the impossibility of such a task. As a coach, I have to keep in mind that I am asking a lot of my quizzers but also that they are able to accomplish much.

One of the biggest keys to memorizing is to break the material down into small pieces, concentrating only on what is due at practice each week. For new quizzers, I help them create a daily schedule that will develop good study habits. That daily schedule will include memorizing one/two new verses and reviewing all the verses they have already learned. Giving achievable weekly assignments shows the quizzer that he can be successful. He may not learn all the material for the quiz season at this rate, but he will have gained confidence and good study habits that will encourage him to move forward in adding more things to his daily schedule. It is better to know less material well than to learn several chapters, but leave out key words or phrases.

My hope as a coach is two-fold: that quizzers will experience success from quizzing that will propel them to succeed in all areas of their life and that they will love God's word and daily talk with Him through the verses they have learned.

*Tammy Hoffman, Maple Lane Assembly, Deposit, NY*

## **BREAKDOWN & WRITERS TIPS**

	<b>"A"</b>		<b>"Middle School"</b>		<b>"Experience Division"</b>	
Meet # 1	Gal 1-6	149 vs	Gal 1-5	131 vs	Gal 3 & 5	55 vs
Meet # 2	Eph 1-6	155 vs	Gal 6-Eph1-4	116 vs	Eph 1& 4	55 vs
Meet # 3	Philippians	104 vs	Eph 5-6	57 vs	Eph 5-6:9	42 vs
Meet # 4	Col, Philemon	120 vs	Philippians 1-3	81 vs	Eph 6:10-24 & Phil 2	45 vs
	<i>Total: 528 vs</i>		<i>Total: 385 vs</i>		<i>Total: 197 vs</i>	

## **GOT ANY UNCROSSABLE RIVERS?**

Have any tasks that seem so overwhelming that you say it is Impossible, but.....

Do you think that Moses sat down and figured out the logistics of what God told him to do before he set out from Egypt with the liberated Israelites? If he thought about it even a little bit, it shows how much faith He must have had in God to take care of everything. The very same God is at work today in our lives!

Consider that Moses led everyone across the Red Sea in one night. Scripture records that there were about 600,000 men on foot besides women and children. This could mean that there were close to 3-1/2 million people. Now if they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and require 35 days and nights to complete the crossing. So, to get over in one night there had to be a space in the Red Sea about 3 miles wide so that they could walk 5,000 abreast.

Moses led the people of Israel into the desert... Now what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed, and feeding 3-1/2 million people requires a lot of food. According to the U. S. Army's Quartermaster General, Moses would have needed 1,500 tons of food a day, filling two freight trains, each a mile long. Besides, you must remember, they were cooking the food over fire (not to mention using the fire to keep warm. And if anyone tells you it doesn't get cold in the desert don't believe them!). Just for cooking this took 4,000 tons of firewood, which took a few more freight trains, each a mile long, and this is only for one day!!! And they were for forty YEARS in transit!!! But God miraculously provided manna for His people. Just enough each day for that day. God can supply our needs too.

Let's not forget about water, shall we? If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes (no bathing?!), it took 11,000,000 gallons EACH DAY - enough to fill a train of tanker cars 1800 miles long.

Think about this - every time they camped at the end of the day, a camp ground the size of Rhode Island was required, or 750 square miles.

Let's trust in God like Moses. Let's have courage as we face our "impossible" events in life.

*Eph 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us,*

*Eph 3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

## TESTIMONIES FROM BQ RETREATS

### *Northern New England Bible Quiz Retreat*

I (Nancy Lambert NNE DBQC) talked to a coach from a new church a few days after the retreat and asked her if she felt overwhelmed and she said no that she felt like she learned a lot and she was happy she came. The other testimony is about a quizzer from my church. He is one who had a great time doing BQ at camp this summer and he was so excited to see one of the boys come to the retreat that he met at camp. They ended up in the same room at the retreat. The QM that was in that room left so I ended up asking the boy from camp (a former quizzer from KVAG) to be the QM in that room. That room had a great time quizzing and doing lots of fun things. I was impressed that the boy I asked to be QM did such a great job as he had no idea I was going to ask him. However, he was able to come up with some great things to do in just a matter of minutes. He just graduated from high school last spring and has just started college.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### *GOLD CUP, Oct 22, 2016*

#### **GOLD BRACKET: REGULAR ROUNDS**

1. Muskogee First Assembly, OK	8-0	1,905 pts	238 avg
2. Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX	7-1	1,595 pts	199 avg
3. Christian Temple, Houston, TX	6-2	1,135 pts	142 avg

1. Josiah Schwartz, Muskogee First, OK	1,005 pts	8 QO
2. Gabe Lapussan, The Oaks, TX	1,000 pts	8 QO
3. Kelsey Cruz, Orange Hills, CA	985 pts	8 QO
4. John Sullivan, Trinity Church, TX	770 pts	4 QO
5. Mary Meddaugh, Muskogee First, OK	665 pts	7 QO

#### **BRONZE BRACKET: REGULAR ROUNDS**

1. Trinity Bros, Cedar Hill, TX	7-0	1,655 pts	236 avg
2. Trinity Sistas, Cedar Hill, TX	6-1	1,715 pts	245 avg
3. Garland Transformers, TX	5-2	835 pts	119 avg

1. Joseph Hames, Trinity Bros, TX	825 pts	6 QO
2. Juliet Amadi, Trinity Sistas, TX	675 pts	5 QO
3. Madison Claunch, Trinity Sistas, TX	585 pts	6 QO
4. Hailey Janssens, The Oaks XP, TX	505 pts	4 QO
5. Ndubueze Echefu, Garland, TX	470 pts	5 QO

*After regular rounds there was a single game elimination:*

**Tournament Champion** was Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX

2. Orange Hills, CA
3. Muskogee First, OK

## BIBLE QUIZ TOURNAMENTS

### 23rd GOBBLEFEST BQ TOURNAMENT

University of Valley Forge, PA

Nov 18-19, 2016

“A” Galatians & Eph 1-5

“MS” Galatians & Eph 1-3

“Experience” Gal 3 & Gal 5:1-12

Writer is Josh Gallo for “A” and “MS”

Bernie Elliot for “Experience”

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### MISSOURI CLASSIC

Central Assembly, Springfield, MO

Dec 2-3, 2016

Friday One-on-One, Saturday Team Quizzing

Contact Marci Woodward at [somobjbq@gmail.com](mailto:somobjbq@gmail.com)

### SOUTH TEXAS INVITATIONAL

Dallas, TX

Date TBA

### 2017 MID-WINTER CLASSIC

UW-Oshkosh Campus in Oshkosh, WI

January 13-14, 2017

Contact Don Batty at [debatty00@gmail.com](mailto:debatty00@gmail.com)

### 32nd FRIENDSHIP CLASSIC

(Tournament Full)

Allison Park Church, Pittsburgh, PA

Jan 26-27, 2017

“A” Gal, Eph, Phil, Col 1 & 2

Writer is Seth Sundell

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### 2016 RIVER CLASSIC

James River A/G, Ozark, MO

March 3-4, 2017

Contact Mark Griffith at [onegriff@gmail.com](mailto:onegriff@gmail.com)

## QUESTIONS AVAILABLE

A-Level Questions: 50 Sets for \$25; MS-Level Questions: 40 Sets for \$20. If you order both packages, the total price is \$40. Please click here for a sample set: <http://bit.ly/2bcRxDB> If you are interested, please email [richardcfair@gmail.com](mailto:richardcfair@gmail.com).

From My Healthy Church:

- G, E, P, C, P “A” League Practice Questions CD-ROM, 50 sets by official writer. Item #73CB1741.  
Price \$ 55.00
- G, E, P, C, P “A” League Practice Questions Digital Download, 50 sets by official writer. Item #35CB1249.  
Price \$50.00
- G, E, P, C, P “Middle School” Questions CD-ROM, 40 sets by official writer Item #73CB1755.  
Price \$35.00
- G, E, P, C, P “Middle School” Questions Digital Download, 40 sets by official writer. Item #35CB1252.  
Price \$30.00

## NUTS & BOLTS

- **Corrections** needed for G, E, P, C, P:
  - Gal 4:23 Add the word “to” “according **to** the flesh”
  - Phil 4:10 Add the letter “d” to the word “rejoice” should be “rejoiced**d**”
- Master Memorization Award. All of G, E, P, C, P must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting, within a 45 minute time limit, beginning with Galatians Chapter one, verse one, and continuing through Philemon verse 25. The quizzer is permitted 5 mistakes for the entirety of the material.

- No new Rules again this year!!!!
  - National BQ Finals will be held at Sandy Cove Ministries, North East, MD, July 1-7, 2017. Video <https://vimeo.com/169765935>
    - We will start the National Finals competition on Saturday AM, July 1 with a Volleyball Competition.
    - The winning team will receive \$500 cash. A generous sponsor (who will be announced later) is blessing the winners. Specific rules will be announced in the future.
    - Adult quizzing at National Finals. Veteran: Book of Ephesians-155 verses. Novice: Ephesians Chapters 4, 5, 6 for 89 verses. There will be some changes to Adult Quizzing for 2017!!! Will announce more details in the future.
- Discipleship Books for the 2016-2017 BQ Season: *The Word and The Spirit*, by David Hertweck and the *Human Right Devotional*.
- Giving to the Scholarship is extremely easy as of now. Go to: <https://giving.ag.org/Give/Search?SearchFields.Ministry=Bible+Quiz>

In the box type "Bible Quiz Scholarship." The account is 042001. You can give a one time gift or set it up as a recurring gift. We are looking for as many people as possible, especially BQ Alumni, to give at least \$52.00 a year (a dollar a week) by May 1, 2017. Yes, you may give any amount (one person has pledged \$500.00).
- Need a quiz set?
  - Grass Lakes BQ Ministry <http://grasslakeassembly.org/589994.ihtml>
  - Steve Kirkman [www.quizequipment.com](http://www.quizequipment.com)
- Need to find other BQ information?
  - <http://www.biblequiz.ag.org>
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## QUOTABLES

Mother Teresa was once asked, "How do you measure the success of your work?" She thought about the question and gave her interviewer a puzzled look, and said, "I don't remember that the Lord ever spoke of success. He spoke only of faithfulness in love. This is the only success that really counts."

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again tomorrow."

"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." - *Abraham Lincoln*

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

Mom and Dad were trying to console the little kid.

"You know, it's not your fault that the dog died". The little kid was having none of it.

Dad said, "You know, he's probably up in heaven right now with God."

The little kid paused a moment, and looking puzzled, said, "What would God want with a dead dog?"

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Bobby's class was having an English lesson, and the teacher called on Bobby to recite a sentence with a direct object.

Bobby stood and thought, then said, "Teacher, everybody thinks you are beautiful."

"Why thank you, Bobby," the teacher said, blushing. "But what is the direct object?"

"A good report card next month," he replied.

## **LAST WORD**

Continue to pray for Steve Fowler and Kent Kloefkorn

"Our God just continues to be Faithful! With all chemo stopped in July, I was left in the hands of a wonderful Hospice team to make me comfortable awaiting my "going home" - which should have been back in September. But God evidently continues to have other plans. Blessed by the prayers of family & friends and the BQ community I still keep going - every day trying to make the most to further serve Him. Carpe Diem - for Our God is Faithful!"

- Kent Kloefkorn

Blessings,

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