



TBQ Monthly Newsletter

**TEEN
BIBLE QUIZ**

OCTOBER 2025

2025-2026 QUIZ SEASON OVER G,E, P, C, P

	Championship		Contender		XP5	
Meet 1	Gal 1-6	149 verses	Gal 1-5	131 verses	Gal 3 & 5	55 verses
Meet 2	Eph 1-6	155 verses	Gal 6 & Eph 1-4	116 verses	Eph 4	32 verses
Meet 3	Phil 1-4	104 verses	Eph 5 & 6	57 verses	Eph 5-6:9	42 verses
Meet 4	Col 1-4, Philemon	120 verses	Phil 1-2	60 verses	Eph 6:10-24 & Phil 2	45 verses
TOTAL		528 verses		364 verses		174 verses

WRITERS TIPS:

Solomon Stevens, Official Championship Writer, GEPCP 2025-2026

As a former quizzzer, I've had experiences where you've studied something to the point where you know it by heart, but when it comes up in a meet, you get burned by how the question is worded. So this year, I plan on trying to avoid that by being as predictable and transparent as possible.

The questions this upcoming season are designed to be hit quickly. The exceptions are Scripture Text Questions (as with most writers) and questions that start with "According to". The more word-perfect quizzers know the material, the better chance they have at getting questions right. This not only applies to Quotation / Essence Questions, but it also increases the chances of finding the key word(s) used in the question itself. To get ahead in studying, quizzers should also note the following:

- "of" phrases
- Adjectives
- Unique words

Throughout this entire season, 10-point questions will be pretty much the same. The answer length should hover around seven words or fewer.

League Meets 1-4

League Meets help lay a firm foundation in studying the material. Knowing the chapters when they are due will allow quizzers to better understand what questions are being asked and practice accordingly. For every League Meet (1-5), all the answers to questions

will come from one verse. For league meets 1-4, two Application Questions are included: one 10-point question and one 20/30-point question.

League Meet 5

I am aware that some districts don't quiz over League Meet 5. They just use it as practice questions. With this in mind, these sets have more of an emphasis on quoting as well as the questions listed above that quizzers should take note. These questions can be beneficial to help quizzers solidify the material they have learned up to this point.

Districts, Regionals, Nationals

For Districts, Regionals, and Nationals (DRN), the question difficulty gradually increases as there are more multiple-part questions and more scripture text questions scattered throughout. They are still designed to be direct, but quizzers may have to use a bit more critical thinking. These sets also introduce consecutive and separate verses. As the season moves on, more questions will expand beyond one verse and more verses will be required as answers.

Districts

We begin to see the use of separate and consecutive verses at Districts as answers to questions can now come from two (or even three) verses. Throughout these sets, some concordance-based questions will be asked. Some of these may not require studying beforehand, but doing so will benefit quizzers.

Regionals

The difficulty takes a step up from District-level questions. Quizzers can expect a large portion of questions to come from multiple verses (two to three for 20-pointers, three to four for 30-pointers) and concordance questions to be less obvious than those at Districts. So quoting the material and studying the concordance will be very helpful in preparation for Regionals and beyond.

Nationals

To have success at Nationals, one must know the material and know it well. Questions will constantly come from multiple verses and can require quizzers to say up to five verses (or more if they're short). Concordance questions will be at their most difficult and thus will require studying ahead of time.

Updated tips about District Finals, Regional Finals, and National Finals questions will be provided in early 2026.

Cole Abbott, Official Contender and XP5 Writer, GEPCP 2025-2026

General style

I like writing thought provoking questions as often as I can. The majority of questions will follow simple progression through the verse, like “this person did what”, or “this person went where.” There will also be some set up questions such as, “when this person went there, what happened?” Scripture text questions are often longer and will take some patience from quizzers. I will often use locaters (Section title or chapter) to make the difference between difficulties, so a section title could be a 10 while a chapter locator could be a 20 on the same question.

Difficulty

At league level, 10's will normally be between 1–5-word answers and normally no more than 7. 20's could range anywhere from a word, depending on difficulty, up to half of a long verse. 30's will often be the majority of a verse and often times will include quotes, essence questions, and some chapter analysis lists. The difficulty of questions will remain the same for league matches through league finals.

Please be aware of the following requirements for the league level questions for the Contender and XP5 divisions:

- All Quotation Questions throughout the year will come from the marked primary verses in the Scripture portion.
- 2 Application questions will appear in each set for League 1 through League 4
 - For XP5 rounds, these will appear between questions 13-18
 - For Contender rounds, these will appear after question 10
- Contender Study Questions will appear:
 - As 10 of the first 12 questions for all XP5 matches
 - As 10 questions per set for Contender League 1
 - As 5 questions per set for Contender Leagues 2 through 4
 - Not at all in League 5 and beyond

Updated tips about District Finals and Regional Finals questions will be provided in early 2026.

RULES UPDATE:

Practically, there aren't many significant changes to the rules for the 2025-2026 season. Notable changes are below:

We've removed the "General Information" from the main text of the *Bible Quiz Rules* and created a new document called *Competition Structure and Eligibility Rules* to house the majority of those rules. Since these rules primarily apply only to DBQCs and new churches, it made sense to remove them from the rules that teams carry from round to round.

We've adjusted our eligibility rules to more closely mirror those of Fine Arts. This change serves a few purposes:

- (1) It brings more cohesion across A/G-sponsored youth ministries,
- (2) It closes long-open loopholes to prevent “super senior” issues, and
- (3) It permits increased eligibility for particularly high-achieving students who graduate traditional high school early.

We've removed the individual foul for incorrect hand placement when seated at the quiz table. Instruction for proper hand placement still remains, and fouls are still applicable for help and improper communication (gesturing, hand signals, etc.).

We've made minor wording changes throughout the document to enhance flow and clarify potentially confusing items.

The Rules, as almost all information pertaining to the 2025-2026 BQ season, can be found at Biblequiz.com

If you have suggestions for future rules changes, the Rules Committee is always happy to hear your ideas!

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GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, PHILEMON

- G, E, P, C, P Discipleship Award, along with the Discussion Questions, can be found at www.Biblequiz.com

• Application Questions are also posted at <http://www.biblequiz.com> for the 2025-2026 BQ Season.

- The G, E, P, C, P Scripture Portions are available at <https://myhealthychurch.com/store/startcat.cfm?cat=YMBIBQUIZ&mastercat=&path=YMBIBQUIZ>
- The G, E, P, C, P practice questions are available at [*MHC Digital I Teen Bible Quiz*](#)
- Quote Cards are available through Biblequizshop.com
- Concordance questions: 500 overall of G, E, P, C, P written by Billy Branham.
Donate any amount to the Bible Quiz Scholarship Fund at *AG Giving*
Simply type in “Bible Quiz Scholarship”
Contact Bernie Elliot at ElliotBQ@gmail.com for the questions.
- Need a quiz set?
Lucas Cox at www.quiz.supplies
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MEMORIZATION

Too many times I have heard that famous Ting Ting line, “That’s not my name.” How is it that we are so quick to forget something we have just learned? Simple answer is that it has not been fully processed by our brain. Or better said, it has not been memorized. So how do we go about memorizing something?

As my previous quizzers and now my children can attest, I never stop preaching that this can be summed up in one word—repetition. Memorization is all about constant, active repetition. Taking some fact from our peripheral senses to our short-term memory and then to our long-term memory.

We all know our names, our date of birth, and probably even our address. During our lives we have learned these things along with many other bits of information. So how do we go about learning and then knowing all these things? Through constant active repetition. Eventually, I do end up remembering most names. Yet, for me, it is a process of being exposed to personally and hearing their names multiple times, and then repeating it when I see them. Through that repetition of seeing them, hearing their name, and saying their name, I force that piece of information into my short and then long-term memory. Our memorization must be constant because even information that has been put into our long-term memory can take a while to retrieve unless we are exposed to it periodically. For example, four years ago we lived in Austin, Texas. A couple months ago I needed the internet to help remind me of our previous address since I have not been seen it in a while. However, now that I've seen it recently; I can quickly recall it.

Our learning also needs to be active. By involving all of our senses such as seeing, hearing, or touching (through possibly writing) what we are trying to learn, it gets imprinted quicker into our mind. As a quizzier, the easiest way for me to memorize scripture was to go out into a peaceful field with the sun shining on me and the birds singing around me as I walked around getting my blood flowing. This helped open up all my senses to learning.

And of course, our memorization must include repetition. We need to be exposed to information multiple times in a short period of time, in a medium period of time, and over a long period of time. For memorizing scripture this means I need to go over a verse or verses multiple times in, let's say, a five-minute period. Then I need to do these five-minute periods multiple times throughout the day, perhaps three to five times. I would then need to implement this pattern each day so that these verses make it deep and to my long-term memory.

The brain is like any other muscle; it grows and gets stronger with use as you build it. Memorization through constant active repetition can help build your mind to be a much stronger muscle. And in so doing helps you learn and remember all of your scripture, making you an unstoppable quizzier. So if you remember one thing from this article, remember this: repetition.

Joshua Weber is a former National Finals quizzier and coach

FUNDRAISING TIPS

When it comes to fundraising, all states and cities operate a little different, but many local restaurants love to give back to the community. They will often offer a good kickback in sales when you encourage your supporters to eat at their restaurant on a particular day/evening. One example of this is Pizza Ranch.

This is a fundraiser I use at least twice a year to help with the costs of TBQ. I schedule an evening for the fundraiser in advance. Then I promote it at our church in the bulletin and during announcements times on Sunday. I also promote it via social media to get the word out to everyone. My church has been very supportive in helping me promote it from their platforms to reach as much as the congregation as well. My quizzers show up and bus the tables and interact with the customers. I usually have 4-5 at a time working a shift, so if you have a small team, you can still do it, or if you have a larger team, they can work different shifts. The teens get to explain what TBQ is and what we do and sometimes even quote a verse or two. We end up getting 10% of the sales during a certain time frame such as, 5-8 in the evening on a Monday. We also place tip jars on each table which brings in quite a bit more as well. There are flyers with the tip jars inviting them to church and explaining what TBQ is all about. Everyone in our area knows that on Mondays and Tuesdays the people bussing the tables at the local Pizza Ranch are earning money for a good cause and they come prepared to put a tip in the jar. The quizzers really enjoy working and interacting with the customers, and it gives our church congregants an opportunity to give to the ministry and be blessed with a meal too.

The amount of money we bring in will vary depending on the time of year, the weather, and if any tour buses are in town. On average we bring in close to \$500-\$600 in one night. Recently, we were blessed with over \$1000 because it was summer tourist season. There are times when it does not seem like we would earn much because it was slow, or a snow storm rolled in, but God multiplies and blesses anyway. It is always surprising how it turns out. If your quizzers are willing to give up an evening and you are willing to put a little effort into advertising; these kinds of fundraisers are worth it. First, because you are not necessarily asking for money from only your church, which can sometimes be an issue, but you are receiving money from the community too. Other places where we have done similar fundraisers is with Crumbl Cookie, & Blaze Pizza. At these places, all you have to do is advertise and ask your church and friends to purchase a meal from them on a

certain day/time. You don't even have to be there. If you have restaurants in your area that do fundraisers, I encourage you to check them out. It's a great way to earn a little extra money for a tournament or to buy a buzzer set, and it also allows the community to know what TBQ is all about.

Angie Ladd, Open Bible Church, Rapid City, SD

BQ TOURNAMENTS

41st Annual Gold Cup

October 25, 2025

Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, Texas

Divisions: Gold and Silver

Email Lori Sullivan safkids@gmail.com

8th Annual Bluegrass Classic

October 25, 2025

Lexington First Assembly, Lexington, KY

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP-5

Email tbq.kentucky@gmail.com for more information!

32nd Gobblefest Bible Quiz Tournament

November 21-22, 2025

Championship; Contender; XP5

University of Valley Forge, PA

Contact: Bernie Elliot ElliotBQ@gmail.com

412-999-9330

Mid-Winter Classic BQ Tournament ?

January 9-10, 2026

Life Change Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP5, Adult

Contact: Don Batty debatty00@gmail.com

608-566-6255

41st Friendship Classic

Presidents Cup

February 7, 2026

Swedesboro, NJ

Divisions: Championship, Contender, XP-5

Contact: Jesse Czubkowski jesseczubkowski@gmail.com

Windy City Classic

Mar 6-7, 2026

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL

Contact: David Powell wheatonpowells@yahoo.com

Emerald City Tournament

April 10-11, 2026

Seattle, WA (Area)

Championship only

Richie Nelson: richiedn@gmail.com

253-232-9995

Jersey Shore Pre-Nats

June 5-6, 2026

Tinton Falls, NJ

All material covered

Contact: Jesse Czubkowski jesseczubkowski@gmail.com

January 23-24, 2026
Oxford AG, Oxford, FL
Championship only
Contact: Bernie Elliot *ElliotBQ@gmail.com*

64th NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort

June 27, - July 3, 2026

40 teams and a “1 on 1 Tournament” for those Championship quizzers whose team does not make it. (Minimum of 4 quizzers).

Winner of that “1 on 1” competition receives a \$1,000.00 scholarship for post high school education.

Resort Fee is waived for our group, free parking and free wi-fi.

Ice Cream fellowship for everyone on Saturday night.

Thursday night fellowship.

District Bible Quiz Coordinators Meeting on Friday night, June 27 and Sat AM, June 28, 2026

Adult quizzing: National BQ Finals 2026

Veteran Division: Philippians Chapters 1-4

Fun/Novice Division: Philippians Chapters 2-3

Will also have the Adult Quoting Bee.

Facebook Group

If you have not joined us, please do so on our Facebook page.

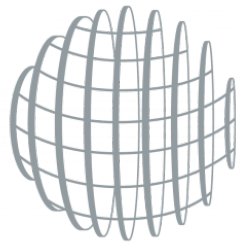
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