

“Where is Everybody?”

or

Getting Churches on Your District Involved in Teen Bible Quizzing

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.” 1 Cor 3:6

Awareness

- **Communicate in as many forms as possible.**
 - **Personal contact, Print, Email, Web, Social Media, etc.**
- **Advertise both your schedule and results.**
- **Educate – promote the values, benefits & fun.**
- **Seek to understand what’s missing and address it.**
- **Identify Advocates then encourage and use them.**

- Many churches have no idea what Teen Bible Quizzing is or that it even exists;
- Some might have heard of it, but have no idea how to get started or whom to call;

Over-communicate

- Work with your District office to obtain information on churches (size, leadership contact info, including telephone and email);
- Develop a brochure, newsletter, etc. explaining Bible quizzing and why it is important to youth;
- Include your contact information and willingness to help them;
- Send information via hard-copy and email to everyone if possible;
- Call pastors, youth pastors, NYI leaders, etc. to ask if you can meet with them and their youth leaders;
- Work with your district NYI council to present teen quizzing at summer camp and other district events;
- Work with your district superintendent to present teen quizzing at the district assembly;
- Take advantage of church, district, and other web sites to get your information in the public domain;
- Don’t limit yourself to Nazarene churches!

Access & Availability

- **Get ‘em while they’re young!**
- **Be accessible, flexible, and creative.**
- **Be a proactive conduit to the necessary resources.**

Get 'em while they're young!

- Develop partnerships in ministry. Establish relationships with the Children's Bible Quizzing leaders and parents in your church, the various zones, and across the district;
- Take the equipment and your collateral to an end-of-the-year children's quiz and get some of the 6th graders on the seats using a variation of their questions;
- Incorporate a Junior Quiz division in several of your regular district events and invite teams of 5th & 6th grade quizzers to participate

Be accessible, flexible, and creative

- Where distance permits, meet with people face-to-face to present quizzing and help them get started.
- Starting ASAP (this summer), schedule information/ demonstration sessions at locations across the district
 - Meet at their requested location, date, and time
 - Ensure teens will be there
 - Take your equipment and some 'for fun' questions
- Invite potential leaders to attend a quiz or one of your practices to observe
 - Insist that they bring some of their students!

Be a proactive conduit to the necessary resources

- Help remove the barriers to getting started!
- Endeavor to have extra equipment and supplies to make available to start-up programs;
- Solicit used laptops once/year and donate them to new and existing programs;
- Purchase extra seats and software to loan or give to new teams;
- Have extra materials and subscriptions to Set Maker and Acme Quiz available when visiting churches;
- Share study techniques and formats for practicing with new coaches;
- Conduct joint practice sessions, 'rookie workshops', etc.

Assimilation & Associations

Disciple & Develop both new and experienced participants.

Nurture Fellowship, Fun and Christian growth.

Encourage off-district events to challenge and strengthen your district ministry.

- Recognize that new coaches and quizzers may be intimidated by your experienced quizzers' abilities;
- Ensure new quizzers and teams have positive experiences while getting started;
 - Use patient, teaching quiz masters
 - Establish appropriate levels of competition, such as novice or junior varsity divisions
 - Recognize accomplishments appropriately
- Stress teamwork, Christ-like attitudes, healthy competition, etc.
- Make time for fellowship between churches;
 - Post-quiz bowling party
 - Pre-season quizzing retreat
 - Ice cream at Braum's or Dairy Queen
 - Post-season pool party or awards dinner
 - Team-building activity over lunch, could be structured or unstructured

- Get teams to off-district quizzes
 - It is affirming and rewarding in seeing that teen Bible quizzing is bigger than just our handful of churches;
 - Build relationships with quizzers from other districts and regions;
 - Helps overcome the ‘big fish in a small pond’ challenge;
 - Increased levels of competition often motivates students to excel;
 - Offer to vanpool to off-district quizzes, where feasible;

Administration

- People want to be a part of something that is exciting, effective, and well-organized;
- “Establish and maintain shared expectations;”
 - Try to avoid surprises, last-minute changes, and uncertainty;
 - Set the season schedule as early as possible
- Ensure quizzes are organized, staffed, and efficiently executed;
 - Have all materials printed and ready to distribute;
 - Adhere to the day’s schedule as closely as possible;
 - Delegate! You can’t run an entire quiz by yourself!
 - Unless absolutely necessary, don’t schedule every person for the day; if someone doesn’t show up, then you have no fall-back plan!
 - Have extra equipment on hand;

Advocacy

- The bottom line to success is finding advocates for the ministry and communicating its power and benefits

“Just One More Thing...”

- There is no magic pill or secret formula, but there are some proven components:
 - Leaders with a passion for the getting kids into the Word and the Word into kids;
 - Building relationships at all levels across the district;
 - Perseverance through the dry times;

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